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LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES,
January 3, 2013.

Hon. KAREN L. HAAS,
*Clerk of the House of Representatives,
The Capitol, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MS. HAAS: Pursuant to clause 1(d) of rule XI and rule X of the Rules of the House of Representatives, here is the fourth quarter report of the legislative and oversight activities of the Committee on Natural Resources during the 112th Congress.

Sincerely,

DOC HASTINGS,
Chairman.

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OVERSIGHT AND LEGISLATIVE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

FULL COMMITTEE

During the 112th Congress, the Committee on Natural Resources focused extensively on how to keep and create new American jobs, protect the environment and grow our economy through the responsible use and management of our natural resources. Through over 200 oversight and legislative hearings and markups, the Committee advanced important legislation and worked to balance the need to be responsible stewards of our resources while also protecting our most treasured lands and waters.

Nearly every bill and oversight advanced by this Committee helped foster American job creation and economic growth. Our Nation's natural resources—from energy to minerals, water and timber—are integral to our daily lives and necessary for a strong, competitive economy. Increasing all-of-the-above American energy production, protecting public access to public lands and waters, and reducing burdensome government regulations and red tape are all essential in order to put people back to work and strengthen our Nation's economic competitiveness. Unfortunately, the Obama Administration has chosen to impose red tape and policy after policy on

American families and small businesses that are impeding our economic recovery.

These federal policies that delay or outright block access to our country's natural resources send American jobs overseas, forfeit new government revenue and increase our reliance on often hostile foreign countries. The House passed nearly 40 jobs bills, including over a dozen from the Natural Resources Committee, aimed at reducing barriers to private-sector job creation on which the Democrat-controlled Senate failed to take action.

The Committee also took very seriously its responsibility to conduct oversight of the Executive Branch. The Committee took a close and thoughtful look at numerous Obama Administration policies, regulations and actions, including the Endangered Species Act, the National Ocean Policy, the re-write of coal regulations, the drilling moratorium in the Gulf of Mexico, and many more. Through investigations and oversight hearings, the Committee sought answers from the Administration on behalf of the American people and promoted accountability and transparency.

Endangered Species Act

This Congress, the Committee held a series of oversight hearings to review the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and conduct a fair and open assessment of both the law's strengths and weaknesses. Congress last renewed the ESA in 1988, which means it has been 24 years since any substantial updates have been made. With only a one percent recovery rate, the law is failing to achieve its primary purpose of recovering endangered species.

One of the greatest obstacles to the success of the ESA is the way in which it has become a tool for excessive litigation. Instead of focusing on recovering endangered species, groups are using the ESA to file hundreds of lawsuits against the government. In response, agencies have to spend time and financial resources addressing those lawsuits instead of species recovery. In 2011, the Obama Administration's Department of the Interior (DOI) announced it had negotiated ESA settlement agreements, behind closed doors, with two litigious environmental organizations. The settlements raise questions about the Obama Administration's scope of authority and lack of transparency on the ESA. The settlements require DOI to decide by 2016 whether to list 779 species and designate critical habitat in all 50 states and Puerto Rico expeditiously. In the year since the settlements have been signed, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has already moved ahead to list 107 more species. The Committee has also learned that over the last four years, more than 500 lawsuits have cost taxpayers millions of dollars—dollars that go straight to the pockets of special interest lawyers and are then used to sue the federal government again. According to information obtained from the Justice Department, over \$21 million has been paid out in attorneys' fees in recent years.

The Committee held two Full Committee hearings on ESA litigation, and multiple witnesses testified about the need to address the impact of litigation and improve implementation of ESA. Since March of 2012, the Committee has been awaiting responses from the Obama Administration on two oversight and document requests regarding DOI's negotiation of settlements.

The Committee also held several budget oversight hearings to closely examine the merit and spending levels of ESA programs submitted by agencies within the Committee's jurisdiction. In Fiscal Year 2010, federal agencies spent a combined \$1.4 billion in taxpayer and electricity ratepayer dollars on ESA implementation. For FY 2013, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service requested more than \$250 million for ESA-related programs. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) requested \$184 million. Amidst huge deficits and a soaring national debt, these requests represent \$200 million more than Congress appropriated the previous year. The result: more petitions to list species, more critical habitat designations, and more lawsuits.

National Ocean Policy

The Committee conducted thorough oversight over President Obama's plan to unilaterally implement a new National Ocean Policy and mandatory ocean zoning. Established through Executive Order, the President is using the ocean as his latest regulatory weapon to impose new bureaucratic restrictions on nearly every sector of our economy. While marketed as a common sense plan for the development and protection of our oceans, it is instead being used to create a massive new bureaucracy that would harm our economy.

The reach of the President's ocean zoning initiative is not limited to just our oceans and would grant new federal authority to regulate as far inland as necessary. That means that all activities that occur on lands adjacent to rivers, tributaries or watersheds that drain into the ocean could be impacted. This has the potential to affect a multitude of industries including agriculture, fishing, construction, manufacturing, mining, oil and natural gas, and renewable energy. These industries currently support tens of millions of jobs and contribute trillions of dollars to the U.S. economy.

The President's initiative would also create uncertainty for businesses and job creators and open the floodgates for litigation. According to testimony received by the Committee, the regulatory uncertainty created by this policy will likely increase costs to private landowners and businesses, cause companies to cut back on investment and job creation, and severely limit American energy production both on and offshore. It is also unclear how much this initiative will cost the taxpayers. This is an entirely new initiative that will take money away from existing agency budgets at a time when budgets are already being cut.

The Natural Resources Committee held a series of oversight hearings to better understand how this initiative has been funded, the breadth of its reach, and the impacts it will have on jobs, our economy, and energy security. Unfortunately, the Obama Administration has failed to answer the majority of the Committee's questions. This led to a bipartisan vote of the House to pause funding for the President's initiative until its true job and economic impacts are known. This effort was supported by over 80 organizations, including the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, American Farm Bureau Federation, National Association of Homebuilders, American Forest and Paper Association, and the National Fisheries Institute.

Obama Administration's Efforts To Rewrite Regulations on Coal Production

Almost immediately after taking office, the Obama Administration began rewriting a recently completed coal regulation, the 2008 Stream Buffer Zone Rule. This unnecessary action, carried out through the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement at the Department of the Interior, proposed to dramatically alter a regulation that took over five years of environmental analysis and careful scientific consideration to complete. The Interior Department then entered into a lawsuit agreement with environmental groups to rewrite and produce a final rule by June 29, 2012. The Department has missed this deadline, and to date has failed to even publish a draft rule.

The Department's process in rewriting this regulation has been rushed and unorthodox. After tossing aside the 2008 plan, the Department spent millions of taxpayer dollars and hired new contractors to complete a new environmental impact statement, even though one was already completed for the 2008 rule. Those contractors were dismissed after it was publically revealed that the Administration's new proposed regulation would cost 7,000 jobs and cause economic harm in 22 states. It's now unclear where the Administration is at in the process of conducting this rewrite and if it was hiding the ball and intentionally concealing the true economic impacts until after the November election.

The Committee has been conducting a more than year-long investigation into why this rewrite was initiated, whether proper procedures are being followed and the economic costs of the proposed regulation. The Department has failed to meet a single deadline for document requests and is now flouting two Congressional subpoenas for further information.

In September, the House passed legislation by Representative Bill Johnson (OH-06) that would prohibit the Secretary of the Interior from approving any new rules or regulations that could adversely impact employment in coal mines, cause a reduction in federal, state or tribal revenue from coal mining, or diminish the ability of the American people to produce coal.

The Obama Administration's Editing of the Gulf Drilling Moratorium Report

The Committee has conducted an extensive investigation into how and why an Obama Administration report that recommended a six-month drilling moratorium in the Gulf of Mexico was edited to make it appear as though the moratorium was supported by a panel of engineering experts when it was not.

After the release of the report, the experts were forced to rebut the implication that they had approved the six-month moratorium. The experts noted that "A blanket moratorium is not the answer. It will not measurably reduce risk further and it will have a lasting impact on the nation's economy which may be greater than that of the oil spill."

Following calls from Committee Chairman Hastings and other Natural Resources Committee Republicans, an Office of Inspector General (IG) investigation was conducted. A report was issued that confirmed that White House officials were responsible for editing the report's Executive Summary, but the IG was unable to inde-

pendently verify whether the authors intended to mislead the public.

Documents obtained by the Committee raise red flags about the IG's investigation into the Drilling Moratorium Report. Emails from the IG's investigators detail how they were not able to obtain all DOI documents that may have been relevant to their investigation, and they were not allowed to interview DOI Secretary Salazar or White House staff involved in editing the report. The IG report is being used by the Obama Administration as a defense that this matter has been investigated and resolved. In reality, the Department has never had to disclose key documents or answer questions on how and why this report was edited.

The Department claims to be forthright and transparent, but has refused to comply with document requests seeking answers and has ignored a Congressional subpoena issued to Secretary Salazar in April 2012.

ENERGY AND MINERAL RESOURCES SUBCOMMITTEE

Chaired by Representative Doug Lamborn (CO-05), the Energy and Minerals Subcommittee was extremely active during the 112th Congress. The Subcommittee held over 32 legislative and oversight hearings focused on protecting and expanding access to American energy and mineral resources in order to create jobs, grow our economy and strengthen our national security.

Offshore Energy Production

The Subcommittee conducted thorough oversight of the Obama Administration's plan to lock up our offshore energy resources. The Obama Administration's offshore drilling plan for 2012-2017 would place 85 percent of America's offshore areas off limits to energy production. It includes only 15 lease sales, which according to the Congressional Research Service is the lowest number of lease sales ever included in a five-year plan since the program began. It would set our Nation's energy production back to the days before 2008 when two moratoria prohibited drilling in the vast majority of America's offshore areas. In a bipartisan vote, the House rejected President Obama's offshore drilling plan and voted to replace it with a robust plan (H.R. 6082, the Congressional Replacement of President Obama's Energy-Restricting and Job-Limiting Offshore Drilling Plan) that offers 29 lease sales in areas known to contain the most oil and natural gas.

At the beginning of the Congress, the Subcommittee also helped advance numerous bills that were passed by the House to promote further offshore energy production. H.R. 1230, Restarting American Offshore Leasing Now Act, requires the Administration to promptly move forward to conduct offshore lease sales in the Gulf of Mexico and offshore Virginia that the Obama Administration has delayed or canceled. A lease sale off the coast of Virginia was supposed to take place in 2011, but due to the Obama Administration the earliest a lease sale could now take place is 2017. By delaying and cancelling lease sales, the Obama Administration is blocking American energy production, preventing American job creation and forfeiting much needed revenue that could be used to pay down the national debt. H.R. 1230 would reverse the Obama Administra-

tion's actions and proceed with the scheduled lease sales in a prompt, timely and safe manner.

The House also passed H.R. 1231, Reversing President Obama's Offshore Moratorium Act. The bill would lift the President's ban on new offshore drilling by requiring the Administration to move forward on American energy production in areas containing the most oil and natural gas resources.

The Subcommittee, along with the Full Committee, has also worked to promote the safe and responsible production of American energy. In the wake of the Deepwater Horizon, the Committee held numerous hearings on offshore safety and stressed the vital need for American energy production to remain the safest in the world. The Committee passed legislation (H.R. 3403) to formally abolish the former Minerals Management Service and create three separate offshore agencies to ensure robust and safe American energy production to create jobs and strengthen national security.

Numerous hearings were also held examining the job, energy and economic impacts of the Obama Administration's six-month drilling moratorium in the Gulf of Mexico and the subsequent de facto moratorium. At a field hearing in Louisiana, Members of the Committee heard first-hand from local citizens and businesses about recovery efforts, the impacts of the Administration's de facto moratorium on drilling and the deployment of new technology to improve the safety of offshore drilling. The House also passed H.R. 1229, Putting the Gulf of Mexico Back to Work Act, to end the de facto moratorium by setting firm timelines to act on permits to drill.

The Subcommittee also held an oversight hearing to hear perspectives on offshore revenues sharing. The House later passed H.R. 3410, the Energy Security and Transportation Act, which established a fair and equitable revenue sharing for coastal states.

Onshore

The Subcommittee also took steps to encourage the responsible production of our onshore energy and mineral resources, including oil, natural gas, shale gas, oil shale, coal and critical minerals.

The House passed bipartisan legislation (H.R. 3408) to open less than three percent of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska to energy production, encourage the timely and efficient production of resources in the National Petroleum Reserve—Alaska, streamline the permitting process for onshore energy development, reform the leasing process for onshore energy development, promote U.S. oil shale development, and require the U.S. to have a reliable plan in place to ensure sufficient production to meet the Nation's energy needs moving forward.

The Subcommittee conducted aggressive oversight of the Obama Administration's new regulations on hydraulic fracturing on federal lands, including holding field hearings in Colorado and Ohio. The Administration's duplicative, burdensome regulations on the state-regulated, safe practice of hydraulic fracturing will stifle energy production and cost American jobs.

The Subcommittee also conducted oversight hearings on the Obama Administration's war on coal, and the House passed legislation to prohibit the Secretary of the Interior from issuing new rules or regulations that would adversely impact mining jobs and our economy.

The House has also passed legislation (H.R. 4402, the National Strategic and Critical Minerals Production Act) to streamline government red tape to allow the U.S. to more efficiently develop our Nation's strategic and critical minerals, such as rare earth elements, that are vital to job creation, economic competitiveness and national security.

Renewable Energy

House Republicans are committed to utilizing America's abundant and diverse energy resources to implement an all-of-the-above, American-made energy strategy. This includes utilizing our public lands for renewable energy projects that too often get caught up in government red tape.

That's why the Committee approved four renewable energy bills (H.R. 2170, H.R. 2171, H.R. 2172 and H.R. 2173) to help promote wind, solar and geothermal energy production on federal lands and waters. The bills streamline burdensome regulations and cumbersome government permitting processes that have greatly slowed renewable energy development on public lands.

Rising Gasoline Prices

Obama Administration policies that block access to American energy increase the price of gasoline and increase our dependence on hostile foreign nations. Gasoline prices more than doubled during President Obama's first term in office.

Several oversight hearings were held this Congress on rising gasoline prices and the impact on families, small businesses, farmers and ranchers, and our economy. According to an analyst from Cameron Hanover, for every penny the price of gasoline increases, it costs consumers an additional \$4 million per day. That equals \$1.4 billion over an entire year. Even the smallest increase in gasoline prices has a significant impact on our economy.

FISHERIES, WILDLIFE, OCEANS AND INSULAR AFFAIRS SUBCOMMITTEE

The Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs, chaired by Representative John Fleming (LA-04), held 27 oversight and legislative hearings this Congress focused on promoting responsible management and conservation of our fisheries, wildlife, and ocean resources as well as economic development and fiscal responsibility in insular areas. The fundamental goal was to balance responsible stewardship of our natural resources with the need to protect and create American jobs.

Subcommittee Members examined a number of threats to jobs in our coastal communities including: regulations that are causing overly precautionary management decisions which are adversely affecting both recreational and commercial fishermen; decisions to restrict recreational and commercial fishing activities without adequate scientific basis; and an Executive Order creating a new National Ocean Policy that could restrict existing activities as well as hinder new economic activities in both the ocean and coastal environments.

A series of oversight and legislative hearings relating to federal fishery management challenges and, in particular, the implementation of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, the law governing fisheries management in federal

waters, were held. Almost a dozen legislative efforts to revise the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act were introduced in the 112th Congress, culminating with H.R. 6350, The Transparent and Science-Based Fishery Management Act of 2012, introduced by Representative Jon Runyan (NJ-03). The legislation combined the most pressing provisions into one measure which addressed issues raised during the hearings including: basing annual catch limits on better science, requiring participant approval of new catch share programs, allowing rebuilding flexibility for certain fisheries, using NOAA enforcement funds to acquire better fisheries information, requiring better transparency for the activities and decisions of the regional fishery management councils, and requiring decisions on commercial fisheries disaster assistance in a timely manner.

The Subcommittee also specifically examined how NOAA's fishery research affects jobs and impacts the economies of coastal communities that rely on commercial or recreational fisheries. In addition, local perspectives on how to improve fisheries and ocean management were heard not only in Washington, D.C., but also in Alaska, Florida, and Washington state.

The Subcommittee carefully examined budget requests of the agencies under its jurisdiction including the Fish and Wildlife Service, the Office of Insular Affairs, and NOAA. As part of these hearings, the Subcommittee examined the operations and maintenance backlog of the National Wildlife Refuge System. Members heard from the Administration and associated parties on the current state of the System, the effects of the maintenance and operations backlog, and the Obama Administration's efforts to buy more land even though it cannot properly maintain the land we already own. Despite a substantial maintenance and operations backlog, the Obama Administration requested \$450 million to buy more land through the Land and Water Conservation Fund in the FY2013 budget, a \$160 million spending increase for government land acquisition compared to funding levels when he first took office.

During budget hearings, Subcommittee Members also reviewed federal funding for insular areas overseen by the Office of Insular Affairs and Administrative efforts to improve economic opportunities in the regions. There are many factors limiting territory economic growth, with the lack of revenue-generating industries being a leading one. Subcommittee Members discussed efforts to make the insular areas more attractive to industry endeavors and efforts by the Office of Insular Affairs, through its technical assistance grants and other programs, to improve energy, water, wastewater and solid waste issues on the islands.

Other insular area-focused hearings included oversight of minimum wage requirements in American Samoa and minimum wage and immigration issues in the Northern Mariana Islands. Requirements to increase the wage rates by 50 cents every year were said to be hindering economic growth in American Samoa. Subcommittee Members discussed options of delaying upcoming increases to allow local industries to adjust to the requirements and prevent industries from leaving the territory. The Northern Mariana Islands has been more successful adapting to the wage increases, but has had labor issues relying on foreign workers. The Subcommittee reviewed the implementation of Public Law 110-

229, which applied federal immigration laws to the Northern Mariana Islands. The Subcommittee also discussed H.R. 1466, a bill that would resolve the status of certain persons legally residing in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands whose status was impacted through the enactment of Public Law 110-229.

The Subcommittee held other insular area-related hearings reviewing: H.R. 3706, regarding a Chief Financial Officer for the U.S. Virgin Islands; H.R. 6040, a bill to approve a new financial agreement for the Compact of Free Association between Palau and the United States; and H.R. 670, a measure to give the Northern Mariana Islands jurisdiction over 3 miles of its submerged lands, an authority similar to jurisdiction given to the other U.S. territories.

The Subcommittee also examined three specific national wildlife refuges in Florida, Georgia and Virginia. The first of these hearings involved the Obama Administration's efforts to administratively establish a 150,000-acre National Wildlife Refuge and Conservation Area in Central Florida. This proposal could cost taxpayers \$700 million to purchase the land through fee title and conservation easements and it would prevent the creation of thousands of jobs by prohibiting economic activities on these lands in the future. The second hearing occurred in December 2011, when the Subcommittee conducted an oversight hearing on how the federal government obtained title to nearly 3000 acres of land in Georgia that became the Harris Neck National Wildlife Refuge. Third, the Subcommittee carefully examined the potential impact of a draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan for the Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge in Virginia.

The Subcommittee also carefully examined the Lacey Act, our Nation's oldest conservation law, to protect native flora and fauna by banning the interstate transportation and sale of illegally obtained animal and certain plants. Since its enactment in 1900, the Lacey Act has been amended several times to including expansions to foreign laws, fish, and the importation and sale of illegally-obtained timber and other plant products. The broad expansion of the law has increased job-destroying red tape and resulted in unanticipated consequences that have negatively impacted individuals and American businesses. The Subcommittee examined several bills that would amend or alter varying aspects of the Lacey Act and the Full Committee passed H.R. 3210, the *Retailers and Entertainers Lacey Implementation and Enforcement Fairness Act* (RELIEF Act). The RELIEF Act would improve and strengthen the Lacey Act to safeguard American jobs and protect American businesses and individuals from the unintended consequences of the law. The Subcommittee also conducted a legislative hearing on a proposal to prohibit the importation of certain non-native species of constrictor snakes under the Lacey Act.

The Subcommittee also held hearings examining how invasive species, including Asian carp, feral pigs, Giant Salvinia, and zebra mussels, are destroying valuable infrastructure and costing taxpayers millions of dollars. In 2012 the House passed legislation, H.R. 6007, *The North Texas Zebra Mussel Barrier Act*, an innovative proposal which would allow the North Texas Municipal Water District to transport invasive zebra mussels through a 46-mile closed pipeline to a treatment facility where these zebra mussels

would be eradicated, thus insuring safe drinking water for the 1.6 million people living in North Texas.

Finally, the Subcommittee conducted oversight on the impact of the white-nose syndrome disease in bats. Since 2006, more than 5 million hibernating bats have been killed by this previously unknown cold-loving fungus. While a solution to this ecological crisis has not yet been identified, without these bats, farmers will have to spend millions to purchase tons of additional pesticides. These costs will be passed on to those consumers who buy these agricultural products at their local grocery stores.

INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE AFFAIRS SUBCOMMITTEE

The Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs was established during the 112th Congress to promote increased consultation on legislation concerning Indians and Alaska Natives. Oversight and legislative responsibilities for Indian and Alaska Native matters were previously handled by the Full Committee. Chaired by Representative Don Young (AK—at large), the Subcommittee held 24 oversight and legislative hearings to promote job creation and economic growth on tribal and Alaska Native lands.

The Subcommittee held multiple hearings on tribal development of energy resources and the creation of energy jobs on Indian lands. While Indian lands contain vast energy resources, actions by the Obama Administration have prevented many tribes from developing resources, creating jobs and improving their local tribal economies. Since taking office, the Obama Administration has implemented numerous roadblocks to Indian energy development. The Subcommittee has conducted vigorous oversight of the Administration to shine light on these policies and ensure accountability.

For example, in 2009 the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) ordered the cancellation of a permit for a Navajo Nation power plant that Navajo leadership called the most important development project the tribe has ever undertaken. The plant was expected to create 400 permanent jobs and generate \$50 million per year in revenue. A joint hearing was held with the Water and Power Subcommittee to examine the severe economic consequences of EPA's over regulation.

An oversight hearing was also held on the impact of the Interior Department's Hydraulic Fracturing Rules on tribal energy development. Many tribes are concerned that they were left out of the rulemaking process and that the current draft rule could greatly impede tribes' ability to develop their own energy resources.

The Subcommittee also traveled to Alaska to hold an oversight field hearing in Fairbanks to examine the hardships local Alaska Natives face with high energy prices and how federal laws and regulations are affecting energy prices in rural Alaska and Native Villages.

In a bipartisan vote, the Committee passed H.R. 3973, *The Native American Energy Act*. This bill streamlines burdensome and duplicative government regulations and increases the opportunity for Indian tribes to develop energy resources on their own land to create jobs and increase American energy production. It also requires the consent of a tribe before the Department of the Interior can restrict hydraulic fracturing on the tribe's lands.

After gathering input from tribal leaders across the country, Subcommittee Chairman Don Young and Ranking Member Dan Boren introduced H.R. 3532, *The American Indian Empowerment Act of 2011*. This bipartisan piece of legislation would enhance the authority America's tribes have wanted over their lands. Specifically, this bill would allow a tribe to request that the title to its tribal land be taken out of trust and conveyed to the tribe while also ensuring such lands retain their "Indian Country" status. The bill would also permit a tribe to lease its lands without having to gain approval from the Secretary of the Interior. Finally, this legislation would authorize a tribe to pass tribal laws that preempt applicable federal laws or regulations governing the tribe's land.

The Subcommittee conducted aggressive oversight into the \$3.4 billion *Cobell v. Salazar* settlement agreement. Signed into law in 2010, this agreement included a provision, signed by the plaintiff attorneys and the government, setting attorneys' fees between \$50 million and \$99.9 million. However, plaintiff attorneys filed a petition in U.S. District Court seeking \$223 million in fees pursuant to a previously unknown contingency fee agreement, the exact details of which are still publicly undisclosed. Under this side deal, every dollar paid to an attorney is a dollar that comes out of the pocket of individual Indians. That's why Subcommittee Chairman Don Young and Full Committee Chairman Doc Hastings introduced legislation, H.R. 887, to cap attorneys' fees at \$50 million.

The Subcommittee held a legislative hearing on bills that would address the Supreme Court's *Carcieri vs. Salazar* decision, which states that the Secretary of the Interior has no authority under Section 5 of the Indian Reorganization Act to require lands in trust for a tribe. The bills would overturn the effects of the Supreme Court decision by delegating authority to the Secretary of the Interior to acquire lands in trust for a tribe recognized at any time. The bills would also ratify and confirm lands that had been put in trust prior to the Supreme Court holding in February 2009. Further consideration of the legislation has been held up because the Interior Department refuses to provide key legal and historical information necessary for Members of Congress to determine an effective and just resolution to the controversy.

The Subcommittee also conducted oversight on an Obama Administration plan to tax per capita payments derived from the development of timber resources on tribes' unallotted trust lands. The Internal Revenue Service has never before collected such taxes from recipients of these benefits because resources on trust lands are meant to be used for the exclusive benefit of Indians, not the benefit of the federal government. In addition, the Per Capita Act provides that non-gaming per capita payments from a tribe's trust account to its enrolled members are not taxable. Though usually modest in size, tribal trust per capita distributions supplement the income of tribal members living on reservations and trying to meet their families' basic needs, including warm clothes, electricity and food.

NATIONAL PARKS, FORESTS AND PUBLIC LANDS SUBCOMMITTEE

Chaired by Representative Rob Bishop (UT-01), the National Parks, Forests and Public Lands Subcommittee held 40 oversight and legislative hearings this Congress, including numerous field

hearings across the country. The Subcommittee focused on protecting and maintaining federal lands, while also ensuring that our multiple-use public lands remain open to public enjoyment and available to help build our economy and create jobs.

One of the first actions of the Subcommittee was to conduct oversight of the Obama Administration's "Wild Lands Policy." The Wild Lands Policy, established by Secretarial Order, was an attempt by the Interior Department to establish *de facto* wilderness areas without Congressional approval. Under this policy, the public's access to public lands could be limited or halted entirely—impacting our economy, jobs, recreational opportunities and American energy production. Although the Administration formally abandoned plans to implement this policy after the House passed language prohibiting implementation of the Secretarial Order, it continues to pursue restrictive policies under different names.

The Subcommittee also conducted oversight of an internal document from the Interior Department that revealed the Obama Administration's potential plans to designate new National Monuments under the Antiquities Act. The proposed designations would lock up millions of acres of public lands in the West, without Congressional approval, and restrict access for energy production, recreation, and other job-creating economic activities. The Subcommittee held a legislative hearing on a series of bills to prevent unilateral administrative action by requiring either state approval or authorization by Congress prior to a National Monument designation.

This year the House passed H.R. 2578, *The Conservation and Economic Growth Act*, a bipartisan package of public lands bills that remove red tape affecting responsible local economic development and job growth. The bill would encourage tourism and recreation, promote responsible use of our public lands and resources, protect the environment, secure federal lands along the U.S. border and promote the development of clean, renewable hydropower.

To protect the rights of American sportsmen to fish and hunt, the House passed H.R. 4089, *The Sportsmen's Heritage Act of 2012*. The bill promotes American jobs and fosters economic growth by protecting recreational opportunities on these federal lands and strengthens existing law that bars the EPA from banning traditional ammunition and fishing tackle.

The House also passed H.R. 1904, *The Southeast Arizona Land Exchange Conservation Act*. Authored by Representative Paul Gosar (AZ-01), this bill authorizes a fair value land exchange that would open up the third largest undeveloped copper resource in the world. The bill would create nearly 3,700 jobs, generate billions in revenue and strengthen our national security by developing our own U.S. copper resources.

The Subcommittee conducted oversight on Forest Service regulations that stifle economic viability, job creation and access to our National Forests. It held hearings on the Forest Service's Planning Rule that will guide land and resource management plans for each of the agency's 155 national forests and 20 grasslands. Expert witnesses have cited the current Planning Rule as too complex, costly, and lengthy for efficient scientific management of our forests and too cumbersome for public involvement.

The Subcommittee also held field hearings in South Dakota, Colorado, and Washington state to examine how the bark beetle epidemic, the Endangered Species Act, litigation and inadequate forest management have devastated federal lands throughout the West and left them susceptible to catastrophic wildfires.

To help prevent wildfires, the Committee passed legislation, H.R. 6089, *The Healthy Forest Management and Wildfire Prevention Act of 2012*, introduced by Colorado Members Scott Tipton, Doug Lamborn, Mike Coffman and Cory Gardner. The bill would reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfires, address factors that contribute to insect infestation, and restore forest health by prioritizing and implementing hazardous fuels reduction projects on federal land.

The Committee also passed legislation to address the expiration of the Secure Rural Schools and Payment In Lieu of Taxes (PILT) programs. H.R. 4019, *The Federal Forest County Revenue, Schools and Jobs Act of 2012*, aims to restore economic stability in forested counties that lost valuable revenue used to support schools, infrastructure and emergency services when federal regulations and lawsuits forced our timber industry into sharp decline in the 1990s. The bill would create jobs, foster forest health and provide a steady revenue stream to rural communities through restoration of active, healthy forest management. It would also authorize a five year extension of the PILT program to compensate local governments for lost property tax revenues on non-taxable federally owned land.

In September 2012, the House passed the bipartisan H.R. 3397, *The Cabin Fee Act of 2012*. The bill modifies the current cabin fee formula to make it more predictable and affordable for families who own cabins in our National Forests. Recently, cabin owners have been faced with arbitrary, skyrocketing fees as a result of a faulty appraisal system that has allowed annual cabin fees to increase exponentially. The *Cabin Fee Act of 2011* uses a new formula for calculating fees to ensure the bill is revenue neutral without imposing fees that American families cannot afford.

The Subcommittee also conducted extensive oversight over public lands along the U.S. borders. Over 20.7 million acres along the U.S. southern border are federal lands managed by the Department of the Interior and the Department of Agriculture. Unfortunately, federal land managers are using environmental regulations to block the U.S. Border Patrol from regularly patrolling these lands and effectively securing the border.

As a result, these federal lands have become a highway for criminals, drug smugglers, human traffickers and potential terrorists who endanger American lives and cause severe environmental damage. In June 2012, the House passed (as part of H.R. 2578) *The National Security and Federal Lands Protection Act* to increase border security on federal lands. Sponsored by Subcommittee Chairman Rob Bishop, the bill is a common-sense measure to ensure that Border Patrol has access to federal lands along the border and is not prohibited from doing its job due to bureaucratic red tape.

Finally, the Subcommittee held several oversight hearings examining the spending and budget priorities for the U.S. Forest Service, National Park Service and the Bureau of Land Management. The Subcommittee also advanced numerous land exchange bills that passed the House with unanimous support.

WATER AND POWER SUBCOMMITTEE

Led by Chairman Tom McClintock (CA-04), the Water and Power Subcommittee held 21 hearings during the 112th Congress and assisted with numerous Full Committee hearings. The focus of all hearings was creating new American jobs; protecting and promoting clean, renewable hydropower; increasing water supplies and storage; and saving ratepayers and taxpayer dollars.

Throughout this Congress, numerous oversight hearings were held on protecting existing hydropower facilities from litigious special interest groups, protecting non-federal hydroelectric dams from costly, burdensome and often unrelated requirements imposed by federal agencies, and expanding large and small-scale hydropower production.

The information gathered at these hearings led to the creation of legislative hydropower initiatives. For example, Full Committee Chairman Doc Hastings introduced H.R. 6247, *The Saving Our Dams and New Hydropower Development and Jobs Act*. The bill protects and promotes hydropower resources by ending practices that diminish existing hydropower, cutting regulatory red-tape, generating new non-federal funding for new projects, and improving transparency. A field hearing on the bill was held in Pasco, Washington, where it received support from local farmers, irrigators and elected officials.

The Subcommittee has considered, and the House has passed, a number of other hydropower production bills.

In March 2012, the House passed with bipartisan support H.R. 2842, *The Bureau of Reclamation Small Conduit Hydropower Development and Rural Jobs Act of 2012*, sponsored by Representative Scott Tipton (CO-03). The bill authorizes hydropower development on existing, manmade Bureau of Reclamation water canals and pipes; cuts government red-tape by eliminating duplicative federal regulation; and reduces administrative costs.

The House also passed H.R. 460 by Representative Jason Chaffetz (UT-03) to facilitate the development of 50 megawatts of clean hydroelectric power. In addition, H.R. 6060 by Representative Rob Bishop (UT-01), which protects water and power supplies in parts of the intermountain West by keeping Endangered Species Act regulations at bay and eliminating bureaucratic overhead to expedite the delisting of four endangered fish, was enacted into law.

The Subcommittee held several oversight hearings highlighting regulatory burdens that hinder vital water storage projects. New projects can store more water to help create jobs, grow the economy, increase agriculture production and generate hydropower. Cumbersome environmental regulations have delayed critical water storage projects for years while environmental litigation and age undermine current water storage infrastructure.

Following a field hearing in Fresno, California, the House in February 2012 passed H.R. 1837, *The Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley Water Reliability Act*, to address the manmade California drought. In 2009, federal regulations to protect a 3-inch fish—the Delta smelt—led to the deliberate diversion of over 300 billion gallons of water away from San Joaquin Valley farmers. This cost thousands of farm workers their jobs, inflicted up to 40 percent unemployment in certain communities, and fallowed hundreds of thousands of

acres of fertile farmland. H.R. 1837 would restore water deliveries that have been cut off due to federal regulations and environmental lawsuits, protect tens of thousands of jobs, ensure a reliable water supply for people and fish, secure water rights, and save taxpayer money by ending unnecessary and dubious government projects.

The Subcommittee also held a field hearing in Montrose, Colorado, to spotlight how inadequate forest management has left federal lands susceptible to catastrophic wildfire, endangered neighboring communities and putting water and power supplies at risk. This and other hearings led to provisions being included in H.R. 6089, sponsored by Representative Scott Tipton, and H.R. 6247, authored by Chairman Doc Hastings.

In May 2011, the Water and Power Subcommittee and the Indian and Alaska Native Affairs Subcommittee held a joint hearing to examine the potential job and economic impacts of potential EPA mandates on the Navajo Generating Station (NGS). The proposals potentially impacting the NGS could shut down the plant, which has the generating capacity of two small nuclear plants. Closure would eliminate hundreds of Navajo and Hopi coal-mining and NGS jobs, reduce income into the reservations, undermine tribal water settlements and dramatically increase water costs for much of Arizona's population.

The Subcommittee also conducted thorough oversight of Department of Energy Secretary Steven Chu's Memorandum to the Power Marketing Administrations (PMAs), which mandates new missions for the PMAs and could raise energy costs on over 40 million Americans. Several hearings were held on the Chu Memorandum. At these hearings, electricity consumers expressed concerns that Secretary Chu's efforts would raise rates and socialize costs that failed to benefit those paying for such costs. Over 160 House members and Senators sent a bipartisan letter to Secretary Chu expressing concerns with the missions outlined in his Memorandum. The House also passed bipartisan appropriations language prohibiting funding for any new activities in the document.

The Full Committee also passed H.R. 2915, *The American Taxpayer and Western Area Power Administration Customer Protection Act of 2011*, sponsored by Chairman Tom McClintock. The legislation repeals the 2009 Stimulus Act's new \$3.25 billion WAPA loan authority, including the bailout provision for failed renewable energy transmission projects that would leave taxpayers holding the bag.

To protect taxpayer dollars, the Subcommittee conducted an investigation into the Department of the Interior's practice of mailing cash as an incentive to complete government surveys. In addition to sending oversight letters, the House in June 2012 passed an amendment by Representative Scott Tipton to prohibit federal agencies funded in the Energy and Water appropriations bill from mailing out cash with government surveys.

In this Congress, the Committee passed bills that cost nothing in taxpayer dollars, reduced spending by over \$2.9 billion and generated revenue in excess of \$225 million when compared to the \$800 million in taxpayer dollars authorized for expenditure in the last Congress. That is nearly a \$4 billion difference in spending levels on legislation moved by the Water and Power Subcommittee

during the Democrat-controlled 111th Congress and the Republican-controlled 112th Congress.

ORGANIZATION

The Committee on Natural Resources met on January 26, 2011, for an organizational meeting of the 112th Congress under the direction of Chairman Doc Hastings. The Committee Membership was 48 Members, with 27 Republicans and 21 Democrats.

The Committee established five subcommittees: Energy and Mineral Resources (Doug Lamborn, Chairman); Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs (John Fleming, Chairman); Indian and Alaska Native Affairs (Don Young, Chairman); National Parks, Forests and Public Lands (Rob Bishop, Chairman); and Water and Power (Tom McClintock, Chairman).

JURISDICTION

The jurisdiction of the Committee on Natural Resources, as prescribed by *clause (m)(1) of Rule X* of the Rules of the House is as follows:

(1) Fisheries and wildlife, including research, restoration, refuges, and conservation.

(2) Forest reserves and national parks created from the public domain.

(3) Forfeiture of land grants and alien ownership, including alien ownership of mineral lands.

(4) Geological Survey.

(5) International fishing agreements.

(6) Interstate compacts relating to apportionment of waters for irrigation purposes.

(7) Irrigation and reclamation, including water supply for reclamation projects and easements of public lands for irrigation projects; and acquisition of private lands when necessary to complete irrigation projects.

(8) Native Americans generally, including the care and allotment of Native American lands and general and special measures relating to claims that are paid out of Native American funds.

(9) Insular possessions of the United States generally (except those affecting the revenue and appropriations).

(10) Military parks and battlefields, national cemeteries administered by the Secretary of the Interior, parks within the District of Columbia, and the erection of monuments to the memory of individuals.

(11) Mineral land laws and claims and entries thereunder.

(12) Mineral resources of the public lands.

(13) Mining interests generally.

(14) Mining schools and experimental stations.

(15) Marine affairs, including coastal zone management (except for measures relating to oil and other pollution of navigable waters).

(16) Oceanography.

(17) Petroleum conservation on public lands and conservation of the radium supply in the United States.

(18) Preservation of prehistoric ruins and objects of interest in the public domain.

(19) Public lands generally, including entry, easements, and the grazing thereon.

(20) Relations of the United States with Native Americans and Native American tribes.

(21) Trans-Alaska Oil Pipeline (except ratemaking).

ACTIVITIES REPORT

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES STATISTICS

Total number of bills and resolutions referred	691
Total number of meeting days:	
Full Committee (62)	
Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources (32)	
Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs (29)	
Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs (24)	
Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands (40)	
Subcommittee on Water and Power (21)	
Total	208
Total number of bills ordered reported from Committee	151
Total number of reports filed	149
Total number of bills referred to/discharged by Committee on Natural Resources and passed by the House of Representatives	106
Total number of public laws	48
Total number of bills enacted into law*	71

*Includes House/Senate Resolutions and all bills awaiting signature by the President.

FULL COMMITTEE

I. LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES

A. *Legislative Hearings, Markups and Administrative Business Meetings*

January 26, 2011—Full Committee met to organize for the 112th Congress; to adopt the Committee Rules, agree to an oversight plan, and adopt the Committee Staff Hiring Resolution.

April 13, 2011—Markup held on H.R. 1229, to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to facilitate the safe and timely production of American energy resources from the Gulf of Mexico; H.R. 1230, to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct certain offshore oil and gas lease sales, and for other purposes; and H.R. 1231, to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to require that each 5-year offshore oil and gas leasing program offer leasing in the areas with the most prospective oil and gas resources, to establish a domestic oil and natural gas production goal, and for other purposes.

May 25, 2011—Markup held on H.R. 290, to amend title 36, United States Code, to ensure that memorials commemorating the service of the United States Armed Forces may contain religious symbols, and for other purposes; and H.R. 1670, to amend the Sikes Act to improve the application of that Act to State-owned facilities used for the national defense.

June 15, 2011—Markup held on H.R. 295, to amend the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act of 1998 to authorize funds to acquire hydrographic data and provide hydrographic services specific to the Arctic for safe navigation, delineating the United States extended continental shelf, and the monitoring and description of coastal changes; H.R. 320, to designate a Distinguished Flying

Cross National Memorial at the March Field Air Museum in Riverside, California; H.R. 441, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to issue permits for a microhydro project in nonwilderness areas within the boundaries of Denali National Park and Preserve, to acquire land for Denali National Park and Preserve from Doyon Tourism, Inc., and for other purposes; H.R. 470, to further allocate and expand the availability of hydroelectric power generated at Hoover Dam, and for other purposes; H.R. 489, to clarify the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior with respect to the C.C. Cragin Dam and Reservoir, and for other purposes; H.R. 643, to provide for the exchange of certain land located in the Arapaho-Roosevelt National Forests in the State of Colorado, and for other purposes; H.R. 670, to convey certain submerged lands to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in order to give that territory the same benefits in its submerged lands as Guam, the Virgin Islands, and American Samoa have in their submerged lands; H.R. 686, to require the conveyance of certain public land within the boundaries of Camp Williams, Utah, to support the training and readiness of the Utah National Guard; H.R. 765, to amend the National Forest Ski Area Permit Act of 1986 to clarify the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture regarding additional recreational uses of National Forest System land that is subject to ski area permits, and for other purposes; H.R. 944, to eliminate an unused lighthouse reservation, provide management consistency by incorporating the rocks and small islands along the coast of Orange County, California, into the California Coastal National Monument managed by the Bureau of Land Management, and meet the original Congressional intent of preserving Orange County's rocks and small islands, and for other purposes; H.R. 1022, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of alternatives for commemorating and interpreting the role of the Buffalo Soldiers in the early years of the National Parks, and for other purposes; H.R. 1141, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating prehistoric, historic, and limestone forest sites on Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, as a unit of the National Park System; H.R. 1160, to require the Secretary of the Interior to convey the McKinney Lake National Fish Hatchery to the State of North Carolina, and for other purposes; and S. 266, a bill to redesignate the Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge as the Sam D. Hamilton Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge.

June 24, 2011—Business meeting held to approve the 112th Congress Semi-Annual Report on Legislative and Oversight Activities of the Committee on Natural Resources (First Quarter).

July 13, 2011—Markup held on H.R. 1408, to provide for the settlement of certain claims under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, and for other purposes; H.R. 1904, to facilitate the efficient extraction of mineral resources in southeast Arizona by authorizing and directing an exchange of Federal and non-Federal land, and for other purposes; H.R. 2150, to amend the Naval Petroleum Reserves Production Act of 1976 to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct an expeditious program of competitive leasing of oil and gas in the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska, including at least one lease sale in the Reserve each year in the period 2011 through 2021, and for other purposes; H.R. 2170, stream-

lining Federal review to facilitate renewable energy projects; H.R. 2171, to promote timely exploration for geothermal resources under existing geothermal leases, and for other purposes; H.R. 2172, to facilitate the development of wind energy resources on Federal lands; and H.R. 2173, to facilitate the development of offshore wind energy resources.

July 20, 2011—Markup held on H.R. 241, to authorize the conveyance of certain National Forest System lands in the Los Padres National Forest in California; H.R. 258, to require the Office of Management and Budget to prepare a crosscut budget for restoration activities in the Chesapeake Bay watershed, to require the Environmental Protection Agency to develop and implement an adaptive management plan, and for other purposes; H.R. 461, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal features of the electric distribution system to the South Utah Valley Electric Service District, and for other purposes; H.R. 473, to provide for the conveyance of approximately 140 acres of land in the Ouachita National Forest in Oklahoma to the Indian Nations Council, Inc., of the Boy Scouts of America, and for other purposes; H.R. 795, to expand small-scale hydropower; H.R. 818, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to allow for prepayment of repayment contracts between the United States and the Uintah Water Conservancy District; H.R. 1158, to authorize the conveyance of mineral rights by the Secretary of the Interior in the State of Montana, and for other purposes; H.R. 1258, to provide for the conveyance of parcels of land to Mantua, Box Elder County, Utah; H.R. 1421, to amend the Water Resources Development Act of 1986 to clarify the role of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma with regard to the maintenance of the W.D. Mayo Lock and Dam in Oklahoma; H.R. 1560, to amend the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo and Alabama and Coushatta Indian Tribes of Texas Restoration Act to allow the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo Tribe to determine blood quantum requirement for membership in that tribe; and H.R. 2011, to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct an assessment of the capability of the Nation to meet our current and future demands for the minerals critical to United States manufacturing competitiveness and economic and national security in a time of expanding resource nationalism, and for other purposes.

October 5, 2011—Markup held on H.R. 306, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to enter into an agreement to provide for management of the free-roaming wild horses in and around the Currituck National Wildlife Refuge; H.R. 443, to provide for the conveyance of certain property from the United States to the Maniilaq Association located in Kotzebue, Alaska; H.R. 588, to redesignate the Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge as the Sam D. Hamilton Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge; H.R. 850, to facilitate a proposed project in the Lower St. Croix Wild and Scenic River, and for other purposes; H.R. 991, to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to allow importation of polar bear trophies taken in sport hunts in Canada before the date the polar bear was determined to be a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973; H.R. 1162, to provide the Quileute Indian Tribe Tsunami and Flood Protection, and for other purposes; H.R. 1461, to authorize the Mescalero Apache Tribe to lease adjudicated water rights; H.R. 1466, to resolve the status of certain persons legally

residing in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands under the immigration laws of the United States; H.R. 1505, to prohibit the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture from taking action on public lands which impede border security on such lands, and for other purposes; H.R. 1556, to amend the Omnibus Indian Advancement Act to allow certain land to be used to generate income to provide funding for academic programs, and for other purposes; H.R. 1740, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of Illabot Creek in Skagit County, Washington, as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System; H.R. 2060, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to adjust the Crooked River boundary, to provide water certainty for the City of Prineville, Oregon, and for other purposes; H.R. 2351, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to continue stocking fish in certain lakes in the North Cascades National Park, Ross Lake National Recreation Area, and Lake Chelan National Recreation Area; H.R. 2352, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to adjust the boundary of the Stephen Mather Wilderness and the North Cascades National Park in order to allow the rebuilding of a road outside of the floodplain while ensuring that there is no net loss of acreage to the Park or the Wilderness, and for other purposes; H.R. 2360, to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to extend the Constitution, laws, and jurisdiction of the United States to installations and devices attached to the seabed of the Outer Continental Shelf for the production and support of production of energy from sources other than oil and gas, and for other purposes; H.R. 2578, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act related to a segment of the Lower Merced River in California, and for other purposes; H.R. 2752, to amend the Mineral Leasing Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct onshore oil and gas lease sales through Internet-based live lease sales, and for other purposes; H.R. 2803, to direct the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement, to conduct a technological capability assessment, survey, and economic feasibility study regarding recovery of minerals, other than oil and natural gas, from the shallow and deep seabed of the United States; H.R. 2842, to authorize all Bureau of Reclamation conduit facilities for hydropower development under Federal Reclamation law, and for other purposes; H.R. 2915, to repeal the Western Area Power Administration borrowing authority, and for other purposes; and H.R. 3069, to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to reduce predation on endangered Columbia River salmon and other nonlisted species, and for other purposes.

November 17, 2011—Markup held on H.R. 200, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of water resources in the Rialto-Colton Basin in the State of California, and for other purposes; H.R. 205, to amend the Act titled “An Act to authorize the leasing of restricted Indian lands for public, religious, educational, recreational, residential, business, and other purposes requiring the grant of long-term leases”, approved August 9, 1955, to provide for Indian tribes to enter into certain leases without prior express approval from the Secretary of the Interior; H.R. 1545, to establish the Waco Mammoth National Monument in the State of Texas, and for other purposes; H.R. 2027, to revise the boundaries of John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System Sachuest Point Unit RI-

04P, Easton Beach Unit RI-05P, Almy Pond Unit RI-06, and Hazards Beach Unit RI-07 in Rhode Island; H.R. 2070, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to install in the area of the World War II Memorial in the District of Columbia a suitable plaque or an inscription with the words that President Franklin D. Roosevelt prayed with the nation on June 6, 1944, the morning of D-Day; H.R. 2087, to remove restrictions from a parcel of land situated in the Atlantic District, Accomack County, Virginia; H.R. 2154, to correct the boundaries of the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System Gasparilla Island Unit FL-70P; H.R. 2236, to provide for the issuance of a Wildlife Refuge System Conservation Semipostal Stamp; H.R. 2336, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the York River and associated tributaries for study for potential inclusion in the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System; H.R. 2362, to facilitate economic development by Indian tribes and encourage investment by Turkish enterprises; H.R. 2606, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to allow the construction and operation of natural gas pipeline facilities in the Gateway National Recreation Area, and for other purposes; H.R. 2719, to ensure public access to the summit of Rattlesnake Mountain in the Hanford Reach National Monument for educational, recreational, historical, scientific, cultural, and other purposes; H.R. 2834, to recognize the heritage of recreational fishing, hunting, and shooting on Federal public lands and ensure continued opportunities for these activities; H.R. 2938, to prohibit certain gaming activities on certain Indian lands in Arizona; H.R. 3117, to grant the Secretary of the Interior permanent authority to authorize States to issue electronic duck stamps, and for other purposes; H.R. 3397, to modify the Forest Service Recreation Residence Program by implementing a simple, equitable, and predictable procedure for determining cabin user fees, and for other purposes; H.R. 3404, to establish in the Department of the Interior an Under Secretary for Energy, Lands, and Minerals and a Bureau of Ocean Energy, an Ocean Energy Safety Service, and an Office of Natural Resources Revenue, and for other purposes; and S. 535, a bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to lease certain lands within Fort Pulaski National Monument, and for other purposes.

December 1, 2011—Hearing held on H.R. 594, to promote coastal jobs creation, promote sustainable fisheries and fishing communities, revitalize waterfronts, and for other purposes; H.R. 1013, to amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to provide the New England Fishery Management Council additional resources to address research and monitoring priorities established by the Council; H.R. 1646, to amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to preserve jobs and coastal communities through transparency and accountability in fishery management, and for other purposes; H.R. 2304, to amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Reauthorization Act of 2006 to provide the necessary scientific information to properly implement annual catch limits, and for other purposes; H.R. 2610, to amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to reform procedures for the payment of funds from the asset forfeiture fund, and for other purposes; H.R. 2753, to amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to provide Internet access

to Regional Fishery Management Council meetings and meeting records, and for other purposes; H.R. 2772, to amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to permit eligible fishermen to approve certain limited access privilege programs, and for other purposes; and H.R. 3061, to amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to extend the authorized time period for rebuilding of certain overfished fisheries, and for other purposes.

February 1, 2012—Markup held on H.R. 3407, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish and implement a competitive oil and gas leasing program for the exploration, development, and production of the oil and gas resources of the Coastal Plain of Alaska, to ensure secure energy supplies for the continental Pacific Coast of the United States, lower prices, and reduce imports, and for other purposes; H.R. 3408, to set clear rules for the development of United States oil shale resources, to promote shale technology research and development, and for other purposes; and H.R. 3410, to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct certain offshore oil and gas lease sales, to provide fair and equitable revenue sharing for all coastal States, to formulate future offshore energy development plans in areas with the most potential, to generate revenue for American infrastructure, and for other purposes.

February 16, 2012—Markup held on H.R. 1837, to address certain water-related concerns on the San Joaquin River, and for other purposes; and H.R. 4019, to increase employment and educational opportunities in, and improve the economic stability of, counties containing Federal forest land, while also reducing the cost of managing such land, by providing such counties a dependable source of revenue from such land, and for other purposes.

February 29, 2012—Markup held on H.R. 491, to modify the boundaries of Cibola National Forest in the State of New Mexico, to transfer certain Bureau of Land Management land for inclusion in the national forest, and for other purposes; H.R. 1038, to authorize the conveyance of two small parcels of land within the boundaries of the Coconino National Forest containing private improvements that were developed based upon the reliance of the landowners in an erroneous survey conducted in May 1960; H.R. 1335, to revise the boundaries of the Gettysburg National Military Park to include the Gettysburg Train Station, and for other purposes; H.R. 2050, to authorize the continued use of certain water diversions located on National Forest System land in the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness and the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness in the State of Idaho, and for other purposes; H.R. 2157, to facilitate a land exchange involving certain National Forest System lands in the Inyo National Forest, and for other purposes; H.R. 2240, to authorize the exchange of land or interest in land between Lowell National Historical Park and the city of Lowell in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and for other purposes; H.R. 2512, to provide for the conveyance of certain Federal land in Clark County, Nevada, for the environmental remediation and reclamation of the Three Kids Mine Project Site, and for other purposes; H.R. 2745, to amend the Mesquite Lands Act of 1986 to facilitate implementation of a multispecies habitat conservation plan for the Virgin River in Clark County, Nevada; H.R. 2947, to provide for the release of the reversionary interest held by the United States in cer-

tain land conveyed by the United States in 1950 for the establishment of an airport in Cook County, Minnesota; H.R. 3263, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to allow the storage and conveyance of nonproject water at the Norman project in Oklahoma, and for other purposes; H.R. 3409, to limit the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to issue regulations before December 31, 2013, under the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977; H.R. 3452, to provide for the sale of approximately 30 acres of Federal land in Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest in Salt Lake County, Utah, to permit the establishment of a minimally invasive transportation alternative for skiers, called “SkiLink”, to connect two ski resorts in the Wasatch Mountains, and for other purposes; H.R. 4089, to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing and shooting; S. 271, a bill to require the Secretary of Agriculture to enter into a property conveyance with the city of Wallowa, Oregon, and for other purposes; S. 292, a bill to resolve the claims of the Bering Straits Native Corporation and the State of Alaska to land adjacent to Salmon Lake in the State of Alaska and to provide for the conveyance to the Bering Straits Native Corporation of certain other public land in partial satisfaction of the land entitlement of the Corporation under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act; S. 404, a bill to modify a land grant patent issued by the Secretary of the Interior; S. 684, a bill to provide for the conveyance of certain parcels of land to the town of Alta, Utah; S. 897, a bill to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to clarify that uncertified States and Indian tribes have the authority to use certain payments for certain noncoal reclamation projects and acid mine remediation programs.

March 28, 2012—Business meeting held to consider a motion to authorize the Chairman to issue duces tecum subpoenas for the production of documents relating to investigations regarding: 1) the Secretary of the Interior’s decision and the process to rewrite the 2008 Stream Buffer Zone Rule under the Surface Mining Reclamation and Control Act; and 2) the process used in the preparation of a Department of the Interior report on offshore oil and natural gas operations under the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act that implied that peer reviewers from the National Academy of Engineers had endorsed an offshore oil and natural gas drilling moratorium in the Gulf of Mexico.

April 25, 2012—Markup held on H.R. 460, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to facilitate the development of hydroelectric power on the Diamond Fork System of the Central Utah Project; H.R. 1237, to provide for a land exchange with the Trinity Public Utilities District of Trinity County, California, involving the transfer of land to the Bureau of Land Management and the Six Rivers National Forest in exchange for National Forest System land in the Shasta-Trinity National Forest, and for other purposes; H.R. 1272, to provide for the use and distribution of the funds awarded to the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, et al, by the United States Court of Federal Claims in Docket Numbers 19 and 188, and for other purposes; H.R. 1818, to designate Mt. Andrea Lawrence, and for other purposes; H.R. 2467, to take certain Federal lands in Mono County, California, into trust for the benefit of the Bridgeport Indian Colony; H.R. 2489, to authorize the acquisition and protection of nationally significant battlefields and associated sites of the Revolu-

tionary War and the War of 1812 under the American Battlefield Protection Program; H.R. 2621, to establish the Chimney Rock National Monument in the State of Colorado, and for other purposes; H.R. 3874, to provide for the conveyance of eight cemeteries that are located on National Forest System land in Black Hills National Forest, South Dakota; H.R. 4027, to clarify authority granted under the Act entitled “An Act to define the exterior boundary of the Uintah and Ouray Indian Reservation in the State of Utah, and for other purposes”; H.R. 4222, to provide for the conveyance of certain land inholdings owned by the United States to the Tucson Unified School District and to the Pascua Yaqui Tribe of Arizona, and for other purposes; S. 363, a bill to authorize the Secretary of Commerce to convey property of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to the City of Pascagoula, Mississippi, and for other purposes; and S. 925, a bill to designate Mt. Andrea Lawrence.

May 16, 2012—Markup held on H.R. 1192, to extend the current royalty rate for soda ash; H.R. 3973, to facilitate the development of energy on Indian lands by reducing Federal regulations that impede tribal development of Indian lands, and for other purposes; H.R. 4043, to amend title 10, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Defense to establish Southern Sea Otter Military Readiness Areas for national defense purposes, and for other purposes; H.R. 4381, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish goals for an all-of-the-above energy production plan strategy on a 4-year basis on all onshore Federal lands managed by the Department of the Interior and the Forest Service; H.R. 4382, to ensure Federal oil and natural gas lease sales occur, eliminate redundant leasing bureaucracy, and provide leasing certainty; H.R. 4383, to streamline the application for permits to drill process and increase funds for energy project permit processing, and for other purposes; and H.R. 4402, to require the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to more efficiently develop domestic sources of the minerals and mineral materials of strategic and critical importance to United States economic and national security and manufacturing competitiveness.

June 7, 2012—Markup held on H.R. 1103, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to develop, maintain, and administer an annex in Tinian, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, as an extension of the American Memorial Park located in Saipan, and for other purposes; H.R. 1171, to reauthorize and amend the Marine Debris Research, Prevention, and Reduction Act; H.R. 3065, to amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act to facilitate the establishment of additional or expanded public target ranges in certain States; H.R. 3100, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to expand the boundary of the San Antonio Missions National Historical Park, to conduct a study of potential land acquisitions, and for other purposes; H.R. 3210, to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to limit the application of that Act with respect to plants and plant products that were imported before the effective date of amendments to that Act enacted in 2008, and for other purposes; H.R. 3388, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of the Beaver, Chipuxet, Queen, Wood, and Pawcatuck Rivers in the States of Connecticut and Rhode Island for study for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes; H.R. 3685, to amend the

Herger-Feinstein Quincy Library Group Forest Recovery Act to extend and expand the scope of the pilot forest management project required by that Act; H.R. 3706, to create the Office of Chief Financial Officer of the Government of the Virgin Islands, and for other purposes; H.R. 4039, to convey certain Federal land to the city of Yerington, Nevada; H.R. 4073, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to accept the quitclaim, disclaimer, and relinquishment of a railroad right of way within and adjacent to Pike National Forest in El Paso County, Colorado, originally granted to the Mt. Manitou Park and Incline Railway Company pursuant to the Act of March 3, 1875; H.R. 4094, to authorize pedestrian and motorized vehicular access in Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area, and for other purposes; H.R. 4234, to amend the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 to improve the management of grazing leases and permits, and for other purposes; H.R. 4400, to designate the Salt Pond Visitor Center at Cape Cod National Seashore as the “Thomas P. O’Neill, Jr. Salt Pond Visitor Center”, and for other purposes; S. 270, a bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land to Deschutes County, Oregon; and S. 997, a bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to extend a water contract between the United States and the East Bench Irrigation District.

June 27, 2012—Business meeting held to approve the 112th Congress Semi-Annual Report on Legislative and Oversight Activities of the Committee on Natural Resources (Third Quarter).

July 11, 2012—Markup held on H.R. 3641, to establish Pinnacles National Park in the State of California as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes; H.R. 4100, to strengthen enforcement mechanisms to stop illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing, to amend the Tuna Conventions Act of 1950 to implement the Antigua Convention, and for other purposes; H.R. 4484, to provide for the conveyance of a small parcel of National Forest System land in the Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest in Utah to Brigham Young University, and for other purposes; H.R. 4606, to authorize the issuance of right-of-way permits for natural gas pipelines in Glacier National Park, and for other purpose; H.R. 5958, to name the Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge Visitor Contact Station of the Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge unit of Gateway National Recreation Area in honor of James L. Buckley; H.R. 5987, to establish the Manhattan Project National Historical Park in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, Los Alamos, New Mexico, and Hanford, Washington, and for other purposes.

July 18, 2012—Markup held on H.R. 6082, to officially replace, within the 60-day Congressional review period under the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act, President Obama’s Proposed Final Outer Continental Shelf Oil & Gas Leasing Program (2012–2017) with a congressional plan that will conduct additional oil and natural gas lease sales to promote offshore energy development, job creation, and increased domestic energy production to ensure a more secure energy future in the United States, and for other purposes.

August 1, 2012—Business meeting held to consider a motion to authorize the Chairman to issue subpoenas to compel witnesses to appear before the Committee on Natural Resources regarding the Gulf Drilling Moratorium Report.

August 1, 2012—Markup held on H.R. 2706, to prohibit the sale of billfish; H.R. 3319, to allow the Pascua Yaqui Tribe to determine the requirements for membership in that tribe; H.R. 4194, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to provide that Alexander Creek, Alaska, is and shall be recognized as an eligible Native village under that Act, and for other purposes; H.R. 5319, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the mainstem of the Nashua River and its tributaries in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for study for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes; H.R. 5544, to authorize and expedite a land exchange involving National Forest System land in the Laurentian District of the Superior National Forest and certain other National Forest System land in the State of Minnesota that has limited recreational and conservation resources and lands owned by the State of Minnesota in trust for the public school system that are largely scattered in checkerboard fashion within the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness and have important recreational, scenic, and conservation resources, and for other purposes; H.R. 6007, to exempt from the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 certain water transfers by the North Texas Municipal Water District and the Greater Texoma Utility Authority; H.R. 6060, to amend Public Law 106–392 to maintain annual base funding for the Upper Colorado and San Juan fish recovery programs through fiscal year 2019; and H.R. 6089, to address the bark beetle epidemic, drought, deteriorating forest health conditions, and high risk of wildfires on National Forest System land and land under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management in the United States by expanding authorities established in the Healthy Forest Restoration Act of 2003 to provide emergency measures for high-risk areas identified by such States, to make permanent Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management authority to conduct good-neighbor cooperation with States to reduce wildfire risks, and for other purposes.

August 15, 2012—Legislative field hearing held in Pasco, Washington, on H.R. 6247, to protect the Federal Columbia River Power System, Power Marketing Administration customers, and Bureau of Reclamation dams and other facilities and to promote new Federal and other hydropower generation.

December 5, 2012—Markup held on H.R. 752, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the Molalla River in the State of Oregon, as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes; H.R. 6364, to establish a commission to ensure a suitable observance of the centennial of World War I, to designate memorials to the service of members of the United States Armed Forces in World War I, including a National World War I Memorial on the National Mall in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes; and S. 3193, a bill to make technical corrections to the legal description of certain land to be held in trust for the Barona Band of Mission Indians, and for other purposes.

II. OVERSIGHT ACTIVITIES OF THE FULL COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

A. *Oversight Hearings*

January 26, 2011—Oversight hearing on “The Final Report from the President’s National Commission on the BP Deepwater Horizon Spill and Offshore Drilling.”

March 1, 2011—Oversight hearing on “The Impact of the Administration’s Wild Lands Order on Jobs and Economic Growth.”

March 3, 2011—Oversight hearing on “Department of the Interior Spending and the President’s Fiscal Year 2012 Budget Proposal.”

March 16, 2011—Oversight hearing on the “Obama Administration’s De Facto Moratorium in the Gulf: State, Community and Economic Impacts.”

March 17, 2011—Oversight hearing on “Harnessing American Resources to Create Jobs and Address Rising Gasoline Prices: Domestic Resources and Economic Impacts.”

March 30, 2011—Oversight hearing on “Examining the Spending Priorities and the Missions of the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement (BOEMRE), and the President’s FY 2012 Budget Proposal.”

March 31, 2011—Oversight hearing on “Harnessing American Resources to Create Jobs and Address Rising Gasoline Prices: Impacts on Businesses and Families.”

April 18, 2011—Oversight field hearing in Houma, Louisiana, on “Gulf of Mexico: A Focus on Community Recovery and New Response Technology.”

May 3, 2011—Joint oversight hearing with the Committee on Agriculture on “At Risk: American Jobs, Agriculture, Health and Species—The Costs of Federal Regulatory Dysfunction.”

May 13, 2011—Oversight hearing on the “American Energy Initiative: Identifying Roadblocks to Wind and Solar Energy on Public Lands and Waters, Part 1—Department of the Interior Officials.”

May 25, 2011—Oversight hearing on “Harnessing American Resources to Create Jobs and Address Rising Gasoline Prices: Impacts on Seniors, Working Families and Memorial Day Vacations.”

June 1, 2011—Oversight hearing on the “American Energy Initiative: Identifying Roadblocks to Wind and Solar Energy on Public Lands and Waters, Part 2—The Wind and Solar Industry Perspective.”

July 15, 2011—Oversight hearing on “Offshore Energy: Interior Department’s Plans for Offshore Energy, Revenue, and Safety Reorganization.”

July 27, 2011—Oversight hearing on “State Perspectives on Offshore Revenue Sharing.”

September 8, 2011—Oversight hearing on “Creating American Jobs by Harnessing Our Resources: U.S. Offshore and Renewable Energy Production.”

September 14, 2011—Oversight hearing on “Creating American Jobs by Harnessing Our Resources: Domestic Mining Opportunities and Hurdles.”

September 21, 2011—Oversight hearing on “ANWR: Jobs, Energy and Deficit Reduction.” (Part 1)

October 4, 2011—Oversight hearing on “The President’s New National Ocean Policy—A Plan for Further Restrictions on Ocean, Coastal and Inland Activities.”

October 12, 2011—Oversight hearing on “One Year after President Obama’s Gulf of Mexico 6-Month Moratorium Officially Lifted: Examining the Lingering Impacts on Jobs, Energy Production and Local Economies.”

October 13, 2011—Oversight hearing on “BOEMRE/U.S. Coast Guard Joint Investigation Team Report.” (Part 1)

October 17, 2011—Oversight field hearing in Seattle, Washington, on “NOAA’s Steller Sea Lion Science and Fishery Management Restrictions—Does the Science Support the Decisions?”

October 26, 2011—Oversight hearing on “The President’s New National Ocean Policy—A Plan for Further Restrictions on Ocean, Coastal and Inland Activities.”

October 27, 2011—Oversight hearing on “Gulf Coast Recovery: President Obama’s BP Compensation Fund, How Is It Working?”

November 2, 2011—Oversight hearing on “BOEMRE/U.S. Coast Guard Joint Investigation Team Report.” (Part 2)

November 16, 2011—Oversight hearing on “The Future of U.S. Oil and Natural Gas Development on Federal Lands and Waters.”

November 18, 2011—Oversight hearing on “ANWR: Jobs, Energy and Deficit Reduction.” (Part 2)

December 6, 2011—Oversight hearing on “The Endangered Species Act: How Litigation is Costing Jobs and Impeding True Recovery Efforts.”

February 15, 2012—Oversight hearing on “Department of the Interior Spending and the President’s Fiscal Year 2013 Budget Proposal.”

March 7, 2012—Oversight hearing on “The Council on Environmental Quality’s FY 2013 Funding Request and the Effects on NEPA, National Ocean Policy and Other Federal Environmental Policy Initiatives.”

March 21, 2012—Oversight hearing on “Harnessing American Resources to Create Jobs and Address Rising Gasoline Prices: Families and Cost-of-Life Impacts.”

March 27, 2012—Oversight hearing on “Harnessing American Resources to Create Jobs and Address Rising Gasoline Prices: Family Vacations and U.S. Tourism Industry.”

April 26, 2012—Oversight hearing on “Increased Electricity Costs for American Families and Small Businesses: The Potential Impacts of the Chu Memorandum.”

May 9, 2012—Oversight hearing on “Evaluating President Obama’s Offshore Drilling Plan and Impacts on Our Future.”

June 19, 2012—Oversight hearing on “Taxpayer-Funded Litigation: Benefitting Lawyers and Harming Species, Jobs and Schools.”

June 27, 2012—Oversight hearing on “Mandatory Conditioning Requirements on Hydropower: How Federal Resource Agencies are Driving Up Electricity Costs and Decreasing the Original Green Energy.”

July 19, 2012—Oversight hearing on “Status of Obama Administration’s Rewrite of the Stream Buffer Zone Rule and Compliance with Committee Subpoenas.”

July 24, 2012—Oversight hearing on “The Impact of Catastrophic Forest Fires and Litigation on People and Endangered Species: Time for Rational Management of our Nation’s Forests.”

August 2, 2012—Oversight hearing on “Oversight of the Actions, Independence and Accountability of the Acting Inspector General of the Department of the Interior.”

August 25, 2012—Oversight field hearing in Panama City, Florida, on “Fishing = Jobs: How Strengthening America’s Fisheries Strengthens Our Economy.”

September 11, 2012—Oversight hearing on “The Chu Memorandum: Directives Could Increase Electricity Costs for over 40 Million Families and Small Businesses.”

September 13, 2012—Oversight hearing on the “Committee Oversight of the Department of the Interior: Questioning of Key Department of the Interior Officials.”

SUBCOMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND MINERAL RESOURCES

I. LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES

A. Legislative Hearings

April 6, 2011—Hearing held on H.R. 1229, to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to facilitate the safe and timely production of American energy resources from the Gulf of Mexico; H.R. 1230, to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct certain offshore oil and gas lease sales, and for other purposes; and H.R. 1231, to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to require that each 5-year offshore oil and gas leasing program offer leasing in the areas with the most prospective oil and gas resources, to establish a domestic oil and natural gas production goal, and for other purposes.

June 3, 2011—Hearing held on H.R. 1314, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a global rare earth element assessment, and for other purposes; and H.R. 2011, to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct an assessment of the capability of the Nation to meet our current and future demands for the minerals critical to United States manufacturing competitiveness and economic and national security in a time of expanding resource nationalism, and for other purposes.

June 16, 2011—Hearing held on H.R. 2150, to amend the Naval Petroleum Reserves Production Act of 1976 to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct an expeditious program of competitive leasing of oil and gas in the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska, including at least one lease sale in the Reserve each year in the period 2011 through 2021, and for other purposes.

June 23, 2011—Hearing held on H.R. 2170, streamlining Federal review to facilitate renewable energy projects; H.R. 2171, to promote timely exploration for geothermal resources under existing geothermal leases, and for other purposes; H.R. 2172, to facilitate the development of wind energy resources on Federal lands; and H.R. 2173, to facilitate the development of offshore wind energy resources.

September 13, 2011—Hearing held on H.R. 2360, to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to extend the Constitution, laws, and jurisdiction of the United States to installations and devices attached to the seabed of the Outer Continental Shelf for the

production and support of production of energy from sources other than oil and gas, and for other purposes; H.R. 2752, to amend the Mineral Leasing Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct onshore oil and gas lease sales through Internet-based live lease sales, and for other purposes; and H.R. 2803, to direct the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement, to conduct a technological capability assessment, survey, and economic feasibility study regarding recovery of minerals, other than oil and natural gas, from the shallow and deep seabed of the United States.

September 15, 2011—Hearing held on (Draft Bill) H.R. _____, to establish in the Department of the Interior an Under Secretary for Energy, Lands, and Minerals and a Bureau of Ocean Energy, an Ocean Energy Safety Service, and an Office of Natural Resources Revenue, and for other purposes.

November 18, 2011—Hearing held on (Draft Bill) H.R. _____, to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct certain offshore oil and gas lease sales, to provide fair and equitable revenue sharing for all coastal States, to formulate future offshore energy development plans in areas with the most potential, to generate revenue for American infrastructure, and for other purposes; (Draft Bill) H.R. _____, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish and implement a competitive oil and gas leasing program for the exploration, development, and production of the oil and gas resources of the Coastal Plain of Alaska, to ensure secure energy supplies for the continental Pacific Coast of the United States, lower prices, and reduce imports, and for other purposes; (Draft Bill) H.R. _____, to set clear rules for the development of United States oil shale resources, to promote shale technology research and development, and for other purposes; and (Draft Bill) H.R. _____, to limit the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to issue regulations before December 31, 2013, under the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977.

December 13, 2011—Hearing held on H.R. 2512, to provide for the conveyance of certain Federal land in Clark County, Nevada, for the environmental remediation and reclamation of the Three Kids Mine Project Site, and for other purposes; and H.R. 3479, to reauthorize Federal natural hazards reduction programs, and for other purposes.

February 17, 2012—Hearing held on H.R. 785, to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to clarify that uncertified States and Indian tribes have the authority to use certain payments for certain noncoal reclamation projects.

April 26, 2012—Hearing held on H.R. 1192, to extend the current royalty rate for soda ash; H.R. 2176, to dedicate a portion of the rental fees from wind and solar energy projects on Federal land under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management for the administrative costs of processing applications for new wind and solar projects, and for other purposes; H.R. 4381, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish goals for an all-of-the-above energy production plan strategy on a 4-year basis on all onshore Federal lands managed by the Department of the Interior and the Forest Service; H.R. 4382, to ensure Federal oil and natural gas lease sales occur, eliminate redundant leasing bureaucracy, and provide leasing certainty; H.R. 4383, to streamline the application for per-

mits to drill process and increase funds for energy project permit processing, and for other purposes; and H.R. 4402, to require the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to more efficiently develop domestic sources of the minerals and mineral materials of strategic and critical importance to United States economic and national security and manufacturing competitiveness.

May 3, 2012—Legislative field hearing held in Colorado Springs, Colorado, on H.R. 1620, to improve Federal land management, resource conservation, environmental protection, and use of Federal real property, by requiring the Secretary of the Interior to develop a multipurpose cadastre of Federal real property and identifying inaccurate, duplicate, and out-of-date Federal land inventories, and for other purposes; and H.R. 4233, to establish the National Geospatial Technology Administration within the United States Geological Survey to enhance the use of geospatial data, products, technology, and services, to increase the economy and efficiency of Federal geospatial activities, and for other purposes.

II. OVERSIGHT ACTIVITIES OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND MINERAL RESOURCES

A. Oversight Hearings

March 9, 2011—Oversight hearing to “Examine the Spending Priorities and the Missions of the U.S. Geological Survey and the President’s FY 2012 Budget Proposal.”

April 5, 2011—Oversight hearing on the “Effect of the President’s FY-2012 Budget and Legislative Proposals for the Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Forest Service’s Energy and Minerals Programs on Private Sector Job Creation, Domestic Energy and Minerals Production and Deficit Reduction.”

April 7, 2011—Oversight hearing on the “Effect of the President’s FY-2012 Budget and Legislative Proposals for the Office of Surface Mining on Private Sector Job Creation, Domestic Energy Production, State Programs and Deficit Reduction.”

May 24, 2011—Oversight hearing on the “Strategic and Critical Minerals Policy: Domestic Minerals Supplies and Demands in a Time of Foreign Supply Disruptions.”

June 2, 2011—Oversight hearing on “Domestic Oil and Natural Gas: Alaskan Resources, Access and Infrastructure.”

July 8, 2011—Joint oversight hearing with the Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Conservation, Energy, and Forestry on “Challenges Facing Domestic Oil and Gas Development: Review of Bureau of Land Management/U.S. Forest Service Ban on Horizontal Drilling on Federal Lands.”

July 14, 2011—Oversight hearing on “Abandoned Mined Lands: Innovative Solutions for Restoring the Environment, Improving Safety and Creating Jobs.”

August 24, 2011—Oversight field hearing in Grand Junction, Colorado, on “American Jobs and Energy Security: Domestic Oil Shale—the Status of Research, Regulation and Roadblocks.”

September 9, 2011—Oversight hearing on “Impacts to Onshore Jobs, Revenue, and Energy: Review and Status of Sec. 390 Categorical Exclusions of the Energy Policy Act of 2005.”

September 26, 2011—Oversight field hearing in Charleston, West Virginia, on “Jobs at Risk: Community Impacts of the Obama Administration’s Effort to Rewrite the Stream Buffer Zone Rule.”

November 2, 2011—Oversight hearing on “North American Off-shore Energy: Mexico and Canada Boundary Treaties and New Drilling by Cuba and Bahamas.”

November 4, 2011—Oversight hearing on “Jobs at Risk: Waste and Mismanagement by the Obama Administration in Rewriting the Stream Buffer Zone Rule.”

February 27, 2012—Oversight field hearing in Steubenville, Ohio, on “Natural Gas—America’s New Energy Opportunity: Creating Jobs, Energy and Community Growth.”

March 6, 2012—Oversight hearing on the “Effect of the President’s FY 2013 Budget and Legislative Proposals for the Office of Surface Mining on Private Sector Job Creation, Domestic Energy Production, State Programs and Deficit Reduction.”

March 8, 2012—Oversight hearing on the “Effect of the President’s FY 2013 Budget and Legislative Proposals for the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) and Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) on Private Sector Job Creation, Domestic Energy Production, Safety and Deficit Reduction.”

March 20, 2012—Oversight hearing on the “Effect of the President’s FY 2013 Budget and Legislative Proposals for the Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Forest Service’s Energy and Minerals Programs on Private Sector Job Creation, Domestic Energy and Minerals Production and Deficit Reduction.”

March 22, 2012—Oversight hearing on the “Effect of the President’s FY 2013 Budget for the U.S. Geological Survey on Private Sector Job Creation, Hazard Protection, Mineral Resources and Deficit Reduction.”

May 2, 2012—Oversight field hearing in Denver, Colorado, on “Federal Regulation: Economic, Job and Energy Security Implications of Federal Hydraulic Fracturing Regulation.”

May 3, 2012—Oversight field hearing in Colorado Springs, Colorado, on “Federal Geospatial Spending, Duplication and Land Inventory Management.”

June 1, 2012—Oversight hearing on the “Obama Administration’s Actions Against the Spruce Coal Mine: Canceled Permits, Lawsuits and Lost Jobs.”

July 20, 2012—Oversight hearing on “Helium: Supply Shortages Impacting our Economy, National Defense and Manufacturing.”

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FISHERIES, WILDLIFE, OCEANS AND INSULAR AFFAIRS

I. LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES

A. *Legislative Hearings*

April 7, 2011—Hearing held on H.R. 258, to require the Office of Management and Budget to prepare a crosscut budget for restoration activities in the Chesapeake Bay watershed, to require the Environmental Protection Agency to develop and implement an adaptive management plan, and for other purposes; H.R. 306, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to enter into an agreement to provide for management of the free-roaming wild horses in and around the Currituck National Wildlife Refuge; H.R. 588, to redesignate

the Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge as the Sam D. Hamilton Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge; and S. 266, a bill to redesignate the Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge as the Sam D. Hamilton Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge.

May 12, 2011—Hearing held on H.R. 295, to amend the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act of 1998 to authorize funds to acquire hydrographic data and provide hydrographic services specific to the Arctic for safe navigation, delineating the United States extended continental shelf, and the monitoring and description of coastal changes; H.R. 670, to convey certain submerged lands to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in order to give that territory the same benefits in its submerged lands as Guam, the Virgin Islands, and American Samoa have in their submerged lands; H.R. 991, to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to allow importation of polar bear trophies taken in sport hunts in Canada before the date the polar bear was determined to be a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973; H.R. 1160, to require the Secretary of the Interior to convey the McKinney Lake National Fish Hatchery to the State of North Carolina, and for other purposes; and H.R. 1670, to amend the Sikes Act to improve the application of that Act to State-owned facilities used for the national defense.

June 14, 2011—Hearing held on H.R. 946, to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to reduce predation on endangered Columbia River salmon, and for other purposes.

July 14, 2011—Hearing held on H.R. 44, to implement the recommendations of the Guam War Claims Review Commission; and H.R. 1466, to resolve the status of certain persons legally residing in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands under the immigration laws of the United States.

July 28, 2011—Hearing held on H.R. 50, to reauthorize the African Elephant Conservation Act, the Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Act of 1994, and the Asian Elephant Conservation Act of 1997; H.R. 1760, to reauthorize the Great Ape Conservation Act, and for other purposes; and H.R. 1761, to reauthorize the Marine Turtle Conservation Act of 2004, and for other purposes.

October 25, 2011—Hearing held on H.R. 2027, to revise the boundaries of John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System Sachuest Point Unit RI-04P, Easton Beach Unit RI-05P, Almy Pond Unit RI-06, and Hazards Beach Unit RI-07 in Rhode Island; H.R. 2154, to correct the boundaries of the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System Gasparilla Island Unit FL-70P; H.R. 2236, to provide for the issuance of a Wildlife Refuge System Conservation Semipostal Stamp; H.R. 2714, to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to allow the transport, purchase, and sale of pelts of, and handicrafts, garments, and art produced from, Southcentral and Southeast Alaska northern sea otters that are taken for subsistence purposes; H.R. 2719, to ensure public access to the summit of Rattlesnake Mountain in the Hanford Reach National Monument for educational, recreational, historical, scientific, cultural, and other purposes; H.R. 3009, to amend the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 to require that any new national wildlife refuge may not be established except as expressly authorized by statute; and H.R. 3117, to grant

the Secretary of the Interior permanent authority to authorize States to issue electronic duck stamps, and for other purposes.

December 15, 2011—Hearing held on H.R. 1171, to reauthorize and amend the Marine Debris Research, Prevention, and Reduction Act; and S. 363, A bill to authorize the Secretary of Commerce to convey property of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to the City of Pascagoula, Mississippi, and for other purposes.

March 29, 2012—Hearing held on H.R. 1917, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, through the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, to conduct a Joint Venture Program to protect, restore, enhance, and manage migratory bird populations, their habitats, and the ecosystems they rely on, through voluntary actions on public and private lands, and for other purposes; H.R. 1960, to extend the authorization of appropriations for allocation to carry out approved wetlands conservation projects under the North American Wetlands Conservation Act through fiscal year 2017; and H.R. 3074, to amend the Migratory Bird Treaty Act to delegate to States the authorities of the Secretary of the Interior under that Act with respect to cormorants, and for other purposes.

April 19, 2012—Hearing held on H.R. 4043, to amend title 10, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Defense to establish Southern Sea Otter Military Readiness Areas for national defense purposes, and for other purposes.

May 8, 2012—Hearing held on H.R. 3210, to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to limit the application of that Act with respect to plants and plant products that were imported before the effective date of amendments to that Act enacted in 2008, and for other purposes; and H.R. 4171, to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to repeal certain provisions relating to criminal penalties and violations of foreign laws, and for other purposes.

May 17, 2012—Hearing held on H.R. 3065, to amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act to facilitate the establishment of additional or expanded public target ranges in certain States; and H.R. 3706, to create the Office of Chief Financial Officer of the Government of the Virgin Islands, and for other purposes.

June 19, 2012—Hearing held on H.R. 2706, to prohibit the sale of billfish; H.R. 3472, to prevent forfeited fishing vessels from being transferred to private parties and for other purposes; and H.R. 4100, to strengthen enforcement mechanisms to stop illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing, to amend the Tuna Conventions Act of 1950 to implement the Antigua Convention, and for other purposes.

July 19, 2012—Hearing held on H.R. 3906, to amend the Atlantic Striped Bass Conservation Act to allow recreational fishing for Atlantic Striped Bass in the Block Island Sound transit zone; H.R. 6007, to exempt from the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 certain water transfers by the North Texas Municipal Water District and the Greater Texoma Utility Authority; and H.R. 6096, to reauthorize various Acts relating to Atlantic Ocean marine fisheries.

September 10, 2012—Hearing held on H.R. 6040, to approve the Agreement providing terms for a continuation of the free association between the United States and Palau, and for other purposes; and H.R. 6147, to designate the exclusive economic zone of the

United States as the “Ronald Wilson Reagan Exclusive Economic Zone of the United States.”

November 29, 2012—Hearing held on H.R. 511, to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the importation of various injurious species of constrictor snakes.

II. OVERSIGHT ACTIVITIES OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON FISHERIES,
WILDLIFE, OCEANS AND INSULAR AFFAIRS

A. *Oversight Hearings*

March 2, 2011—Oversight hearing on “The Department of the Interior Spending for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Office of Insular Affairs and the President’s Fiscal Year 2012 Budget Request for the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and the Office of Insular Affairs.”

March 31, 2011—Oversight hearing on “Spending for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the National Marine Fisheries Service and the President’s Fiscal Year 2012 Budget Request for these Agencies.”

May 26, 2011—Oversight hearing on “Buying More Land When We Can’t Maintain What We Already Own: The National Wildlife Refuge System’s Operations and Maintenance Backlog Story!”

June 24, 2011—Oversight hearing on “Why We Should Care About Bats: Devastating Impact White-Nose Syndrome is Having on One of Nature’s Best Pest Controllers.”

June 27, 2011—Oversight field hearing in Shreveport, Louisiana, on “Giant Salvinia: How Do We Protect Our Ecosystems?”

July 14, 2011—Oversight hearing on Implementation of Public Law 110–229 to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and Guam.

July 26, 2011—Oversight hearing on “NOAA’s Fishery Science: Is the Lack of Basic Science Costing Jobs?”

September 23, 2011—Oversight hearing to “Review the Impact of Minimum Wage Increases in American Samoa and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.”

November 3, 2011—Oversight hearing on “Florida Everglades Restoration: What Are the Priorities?”

December 15, 2011—Oversight hearing on “Harris Neck National Wildlife Refuge and How the Federal Government Obtained Title to This Land and Promises Made to the Original Landowners.”

February 17, 2012—Oversight hearing on the “Fish and Wildlife Service’s Proposed Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Its Potential Devastating Impact on the Economy of the Town of Chincoteague, Virginia.”

March 6, 2012—Oversight hearing on “Spending for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the Office of Insular Affairs, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the President’s Fiscal Year 2013 Budget Request for These Agencies.”

March 22, 2012—Oversight hearing on “Empty Hooks: The National Ocean Policy is the Latest Threat to Access for Recreational and Commercial Fishermen.”

April 3, 2012—Oversight field hearing in Anchorage, Alaska, on “Alaska’s Sovereignty in Peril: The National Ocean Policy’s Goal to Federalize Alaska.”

SUBCOMMITTEE ON INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE AFFAIRS

I. LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES

A. Legislative Hearings

April 5, 2011—Hearing held on H.R. 887, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to submit a report on Indian land fractionation, and for other purposes.

May 26, 2011—Hearing held on H.R. 1408, to provide for the settlement of certain claims under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, and for other purposes.

June 22, 2011—Hearing held on H.R. 1158, to authorize the conveyance of mineral rights by the Secretary of the Interior in the State of Montana, and for other purposes; and H.R. 1560, to amend the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo and Alabama and Coushatta Indian Tribes of Texas Restoration Act to allow the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo Tribe to determine blood quantum requirement for membership in that tribe.

July 12, 2011—Hearing held on H.R. 1291, to amend the Act of June 18, 1934, to reaffirm the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to take land into trust for Indian tribes, and for other purposes; H.R. 1234, to amend the Act of June 18, 1934, to reaffirm the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to take land into trust for Indian tribes; and H.R. 1421, to amend the Water Resources Development Act of 1986 to clarify the role of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma with regard to the maintenance of the W.D. Mayo Lock and Dam in Oklahoma.

September 22, 2011—Hearing held on H.R. 443, to provide for the conveyance of certain property from the United States to the Maniilaq Association located in Kotzebue, Alaska; H.R. 1461, to authorize the Mescalero Apache Tribe to lease adjudicated water rights; H.R. 1556, to amend the Omnibus Indian Advancement Act to allow certain land to be used to generate income to provide funding for academic programs, and for other purposes; and H.R. 2444, to amend the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to provide further self-governance by Indian tribes, and for other purposes.

October 4, 2011—Hearing held on H.R. 2938, to prohibit certain gaming activities on certain Indian lands in Arizona.

November 3, 2011—Hearing held on H.R. 205, to amend the Act titled “An Act to authorize the leasing of restricted Indian lands for public, religious, educational, recreational, residential, business, and other purposes requiring the grant of long-term leases,” approved August 9, 1955, to provide for Indian tribes to enter into certain leases without prior express approval from the Secretary of the Interior; and H.R. 2362, to facilitate economic development by Indian tribes and encourage investment by Turkish enterprises.

January 25, 2012—Hearing held on H.R. 2467, to take certain Federal lands in Mono County, California, into trust for the benefit of the Bridgeport Indian Colony; and S. 292, a bill to resolve the claims of the Bering Straits Native Corporation and the State of Alaska to land adjacent to Salmon Lake in the State of Alaska and to provide for the conveyance to the Bering Straits Native Corporation of certain other public land in partial satisfaction of the land

entitlement of the Corporation under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act.

February 7, 2012—Hearing held on H.R. 3532, to empower federally recognized Indian tribes to accept restricted fee tribal lands, and for other purposes.

February 15, 2012—Hearing held on H.R. 3973, to facilitate the development of energy on Indian lands by reducing Federal regulations that impede tribal development of Indian lands, and for other purposes.

March 1, 2012—Hearing held on H.R. 1272, to provide for the use and distribution of the funds awarded to the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, et al., by the United States Court of Federal Claims in Docket Numbers 19 and 188, and for other purposes.

March 20, 2012—Hearing held on H.R. 4027, to clarify authority granted under the Act on “An Act to define the exterior boundary of the Uintah and Ouray Indian Reservation in the State of Utah, and for other purposes”; and H.R. 4194, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to provide that Alexander Creek, Alaska, is and shall be recognized as an eligible Native village under that Act, and for other purposes.

July 24, 2012—Hearing held on H.R. 726, to amend the Grand Ronde Reservation Act to make technical corrections, and for other purposes; H.R. 3319, to allow the Pascua Yaqui Tribe to determine the requirements for membership in that tribe; and H.R. 6141, to provide for the addition of certain real property to the reservation of the Siletz Tribe in the State of Oregon.

December 4, 2012—Hearing held on S. 3193, a bill to make technical corrections to the legal description of certain land to be held in trust for the Barona Band of Mission Indians, and for other purposes.

II. OVERSIGHT ACTIVITIES OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE AFFAIRS

A. Oversight Hearings

March 8, 2011—Oversight hearing on “The Effectiveness of Federal Spending on Native American Programs, and on the President’s FY 2012 Budget Request for the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians.”

April 1, 2011—Oversight hearing on “Tribal Development of Energy Resources and the Creation of Energy Jobs on Indian Lands.”

May 24, 2011—Joint oversight hearing with the Subcommittee on Water and Power on “Protecting Long-Term Tribal Energy Jobs and Keeping Arizona Water and Power Costs Affordable: The Current and Future Role of the Navajo Generating Station.”

March 6, 2012—Oversight hearing on the “Fiscal Year 2013 Budget Request of the Indian Health Service and of the Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians.”

April 5, 2012—Oversight field hearing in Fairbanks, Alaska, on “Federal Laws and Policies Affecting Energy Prices in Rural Alaska and their Effects on Native Villages.”

April 19, 2012—Oversight hearing on the “Bureau of Land Management’s Hydraulic Fracturing Rule’s Impacts on Indian Tribal Energy Development.”

June 8, 2012—Oversight hearing on the “Federal Communications Commission’s Rule on the Universal Service Fund and its Impact on American Indians and Alaska Natives.”

June 27, 2012—Oversight hearing on the “Authorization, Standards, and Procedures for Whether, How, and When Indian Tribes should be Newly Recognized by the Federal Government.”

August 2, 2012—Oversight hearing on “Indian Lands: Exploring Resolutions to Disputes Concerning Indian Tribes, State and Local Governments, and Private Landowners Over Land Use and Development.”

September 14, 2012—Oversight hearing on the “Per Capita Act and Federal Treatment of Trust Per Capita Distributions.”

SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATIONAL PARKS, FORESTS AND PUBLIC LANDS

I. LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES

A. *Legislative Hearings*

May 4, 2011—Hearing held on H.R. 241, to authorize the conveyance of certain National Forest System lands in the Los Padres National Forest in California; H.R. 290, to amend title 36, United States Code, to ensure that memorials commemorating the service of the United States Armed Forces may contain religious symbols, and for other purposes; H.R. 320, to designate a Distinguished Flying Cross National Memorial at the March Field Air Museum in Riverside, California; H.R. 441, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to issue permits for a microhydro project in nonwilderness areas within the boundaries of Denali National Park and Preserve, to acquire land for Denali National Park and Preserve from Doyon Tourism, Inc., and for other purposes; H.R. 643, to provide for the exchange of certain land located in the Arapaho-Roosevelt National Forests in the State of Colorado, and for other purposes; H.R. 686, to require the conveyance of certain public land within the boundaries of Camp Williams, Utah, to support the training and readiness of the Utah National Guard; H.R. 765, to amend the National Forest Ski Area Permit Act of 1986 to clarify the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture regarding additional recreational uses of National Forest System land that is subject to ski area permits, and for other purposes; H.R. 850, to facilitate a proposed project in the Lower St. Croix Wild and Scenic River, and for other purposes; H.R. 944, to eliminate an unused lighthouse reservation, provide management consistency by incorporating the rocks and small islands along the coast of Orange County, California, into the California Coastal National Monument managed by the Bureau of Land Management, and meet the original Congressional intent of preserving Orange County’s rocks and small islands, and for other purposes; H.R. 1022, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of alternatives for commemorating and interpreting the role of the Buffalo Soldiers in the early years of the National Parks, and for other purposes; and H.R. 1141, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating prehistoric, historic, and limestone forest sites on Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, as a unit of the National Park System.

June 14, 2011—Hearing held on H.R. 473, to provide for the conveyance of approximately 140 acres of land in the Ouachita Na-

tional Forest in Oklahoma to the Indian Nations Council, Inc., of the Boy Scouts of America, and for other purposes; H.R. 869, to clarify the definition of flood control operations for the purposes of the operation and maintenance of Project No. 2179 on the Lower Merced River; H.R. 1258, to provide for the conveyance of parcels of land to Mantua, Box Elder County, Utah; H.R. 1545, to establish the Waco Mammoth National Monument in the State of Texas, and for other purposes; H.R. 1740, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of Illabot Creek in Skagit County, Washington, as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System; and H.R. 1904, to facilitate the efficient extraction of mineral resources in southeast Arizona by authorizing and directing an exchange of Federal and non-Federal land, and for other purposes.

July 8, 2011—Hearing held on H.R. 587, to amend the Public Lands Corps Act of 1993 to expand the authorization of the Secretaries of Agriculture, Commerce, and the Interior to provide service opportunities for young Americans; help restore the nation's natural, cultural, historic, archaeological, recreational and scenic resources; train a new generation of public land managers and enthusiasts; and promote the value of public service; and H.R. 1505, to prohibit the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture from taking action on public lands which impede border security on such lands, and for other purposes.

July 26, 2011—Hearing held on H.R. 1581, to release wilderness study areas administered by the Bureau of Land Management that are not suitable for wilderness designation from continued management as defacto wilderness areas and to release inventoried roadless areas within the National Forest System that are not recommended for wilderness designation from the land use restrictions of the 2001 Roadless Area Conservation Final Rule and the 2005 State Petitions for Inventoried Roadless Area Management Final Rule, and for other purposes; and H.R. 2578, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act related to a segment of the Lower Merced River in California, and for other purposes.

September 9, 2011—Hearing held on (Draft Bill) H.R. _____, to modify the Forest Service Recreation Residence Program by implementing a simple, equitable, and predictable procedure for determining cabin user fees, and for other purposes; H.R. 1444, to require that hunting activities be a land use in all management plans for Federal land under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture to the extent that such use is not clearly incompatible with the purposes for which the Federal land is managed, and for other purposes; and H.R. 2834, to recognize the heritage of recreational fishing, hunting, and shooting on Federal public lands and ensure continued opportunities for these activities.

September 13, 2011—Hearing held on H.R. 302, to provide for State approval of national monuments, and for other purposes; H.R. 758, to amend the Act popularly known as the Antiquities Act of 1906 to require certain procedures for designating national monuments, and for other purposes; H.R. 817, to amend the Antiquities Act of 1906 to place additional requirements on the establishment of national monuments under that Act, and for other purposes; H.R. 845, to prohibit the further extension or establishment

of national monuments in Montana, except by express authorization of Congress, and for other purposes; H.R. 846, to prohibit the further extension or establishment of national monuments in Idaho, except by express authorization of Congress, and for other purposes; and H.R. 2147, to prohibit the further extension or establishment of national monuments in Utah except by express authorization of Congress.

September 15, 2011—Hearing held on H.R. 1162, to provide the Quileute Indian Tribe Tsunami and Flood Protection, and for other purposes; H.R. 2087, to remove restrictions from a parcel of land situated in the Atlantic District, Accomack County, Virginia; H.R. 2336, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the York River and associated tributaries for study for potential inclusion in the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System; H.R. 2351, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to continue stocking fish in certain lakes in the North Cascades National Park, Ross Lake National Recreation Area, and Lake Chelan National Recreation Area; H.R. 2352, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to adjust the boundary of the Stephen Mather Wilderness and the North Cascades National Park in order to allow the rebuilding of a road outside of the floodplain while ensuring that there is no net loss of acreage to the Park or the Wilderness, and for other purposes; H.R. 2606, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to allow the construction and operation of natural gas pipeline facilities in the Gateway National Recreation Area, and for other purposes; and H.R. 2687, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to lease certain lands within Fort Pulaski National Monument, and for other purposes.

September 22, 2011—Hearing held on (Draft Bill), H.R. _____, to increase employment and educational opportunities in, and improve the economic stability of, counties containing Federal forest lands, while also reducing the cost of managing such lands, by providing such counties a dependable source of revenue from such lands; and H.R. 2852, to authorize Western States to make selections of public land within their borders in lieu of receiving 5 percent of the proceeds of the sale of public land lying within said States provided by their respective enabling Acts.

October 4, 2011—Hearing held on H.R. 854, to authorize the Peace Corps Commemorative Foundation to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs, and for other purposes; H.R. 1335, to revise the boundaries of the Gettysburg National Military Park to include the Gettysburg Train Station, and H.R. 2563, to authorize a Wall of Remembrance as part of the Korean War Veterans Memorial and to allow certain private contributions to fund that Wall of Remembrance.

October 25, 2011—Hearing held on H.R. 41, to designate certain Federal lands in San Diego County, California, as wilderness, and for other purposes; H.R. 113, to provide for additions to the Cucamonga and Sheep Mountain Wilderness Areas in the Angeles and San Bernardino National Forests and the protection of existing property rights in such additions, to require the Secretary of Agriculture to take steps to prevent and prepare for wildfires in the Cucamonga, Sheep Mountain, and San Gabriel Wilderness Areas and address the backlog of maintenance in the Angeles and San Bernardino National Forests, and for other purposes; H.R. 490, to

modify the boundaries of Cibola National Forest in the State of New Mexico, to transfer certain Bureau of Land Management land for inclusion in the Manzano Mountain Wilderness, and for other purposes; H.R. 608, to expand the Alpine Lakes Wilderness in the State of Washington, to designate the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River and Pratt River as wild and scenic rivers, and for other purposes; H.R. 977, to designate as wilderness certain land and inland water within the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore in the State of Michigan, and for other purposes; H.R. 1126, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to sell certain Federal lands in Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, and Wyoming, previously identified as suitable for disposal, and for other purposes; H.R. 1413, to provide for the designation of the Devil's Staircase Wilderness Area in the State of Oregon, to designate segments of Wasson and Franklin Creeks in the State of Oregon as wild or recreation rivers, and for other purposes; and H.R. 2050, to authorize the continued use of certain water diversions located on National Forest System land in the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness and the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness in the State of Idaho, and for other purposes.

November 3, 2011—Hearing held on H.R. 1980, to authorize the Gold Star Mothers National Monument Foundation to establish a national monument in the District of Columbia; H.R. 2070, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to install in the area of the World War II Memorial in the District of Columbia a suitable plaque or an inscription with the words that President Franklin D. Roosevelt prayed with the nation on June 6, 1944, the morning of D-Day; H.R. 2621, to establish the Chimney Rock National Monument in the State of Colorado, and for other purposes; and H.R. 3155, to preserve the multiple use land management policy in the State of Arizona, and for other purposes.

December 2, 2011—Hearing held on H.R. 1038, to authorize the conveyance of two small parcels of land within the boundaries of the Coconino National Forest containing private improvements that were developed based upon the reliance of the landowners in an erroneous survey conducted in May 1960; H.R. 1237, to provide for a land exchange with the Trinity Public Utilities District of Trinity County, California, involving the transfer of land to the Bureau of Land Management and the Six Rivers National Forest in exchange for National Forest System land in the Shasta-Trinity National Forest, and for other purposes; H.R. 2157, to facilitate a land exchange involving certain National Forest System lands in the Inyo National Forest, and for other purposes; H.R. 2490, to amend the National Trails System Act to provide for a study of the Cascadia Marine Trail; H.R. 2504, to establish Coltsville National Historical Park in the State of Connecticut, and for other purposes; H.R. 2745, to amend the Mesquite Lands Act of 1986 to facilitate implementation of a multispecies habitat conservation plan for the Virgin River in Clark County, Nevada; H.R. 2947, to provide for the release of the reversionary interest held by the United States in certain land conveyed by the United States in 1950 for the establishment of an airport in Cook County, Minnesota; H.R. 3222, to designate certain National Park System land in Olympic National Park as wilderness or potential wilderness, and for other purposes; H.R. 3452, to provide for the sale of approximately 30 acres of Fed-

eral land in Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest in Salt Lake County, Utah, to permit the establishment of a minimally invasive transportation alternative for skiers, called “SkiLink”, to connect two ski resorts in the Wasatch Mountains, and for other purposes; and S. 684, a bill to provide for the conveyance of certain parcels of land to the town of Alta, Utah.

January 24, 2012—Hearing held on H.R. 919, to provide for the conveyance of certain public land in Mohave Valley, Mohave County, Arizona, administered by the Bureau of Land Management to the Arizona Game and Fish Commission, for use as a public shooting range; H.R. 938, to establish a commission to ensure a suitable observance of the centennial of World War I and to designate memorials to the service of men and women of the United States in World War I; H.R. 1278, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resources study regarding the suitability and feasibility of designating the John Hope Franklin Reconciliation Park and other sites in Tulsa, Oklahoma, relating to the 1921 Tulsa race riot as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes; H.R. 2240, to authorize the exchange of land or interest in land between Lowell National Historical Park and the city of Lowell in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and for other purposes; H.R. 2489, to authorize the acquisition and protection of nationally significant battlefields and associated sites of the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812 under the American Battlefield Protection Program; H.R. 3411, to modify a land grant patent issued by the Secretary of the Interior; and H.R. 3440, to provide for certain oversight and approval on any decisions to close National Monument land under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management to recreational shooting, and for other purposes.

February 3, 2012—Hearing held on H.R. 491, to modify the boundaries of Cibola National Forest in the State of New Mexico, to transfer certain Bureau of Land Management land for inclusion in the national forest, and for other purposes; H.R. 3685, to amend the Herger-Feinstein Quincy Library Group Forest Recovery Act to extend and expand the scope of the pilot forest management project required by that Act; and S. 271, a bill to require the Secretary of Agriculture to enter into a property conveyance with the city of Wallowa, Oregon, and for other purposes.

March 8, 2012—Hearing held on H.R. 752, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the Molalla River in the State of Oregon, as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes; H.R. 1415, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to make technical corrections to the segment designations for the Chetco River, Oregon; H.R. 3377, to designate the Pine Forest Range Wilderness area in Humboldt County, Nevada; H.R. 3436, to expand the Wild Rogue Wilderness Area in the State of Oregon, to make additional wild and scenic river designations in the Rogue River area, and to provide additional protections for Rogue River tributaries, and for other purposes.

March 29, 2012—Hearing held on H.R. 1241, to establish the Rio Grande del Norte National Conservation Area in the State of New Mexico, and for other purposes; H.R. 1818, to designate Mt. Andrea Lawrence, and for other purposes; H.R. 2984, to designate certain Federal lands within the Cross Island National Wildlife Refuge and

the Petit Manan National Wildlife Refuge, part of the Maine Coastal Islands National Wildlife Refuge Complex, in Lincoln County, Hancock County, and Washington County, Maine, as wilderness; and H.R. 4234, to amend the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 to improve the management of grazing leases and permits, and for other purposes.

April 17, 2012—Hearing held on H.R. 3388, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of the Beaver, Chipuxet, Queen, Wood, and Pawcatuck Rivers in the States of Connecticut and Rhode Island for study for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes; H.R. 3874, to provide for the conveyance of eight cemeteries that are located on National Forest System land in Black Hills National Forest, South Dakota; H.R. 4039, to convey certain Federal land to the city of Yerington, Nevada; H.R. 4073, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to accept the quitclaim, disclaimer, and relinquishment of a railroad right of way within and adjacent to Pike National Forest in El Paso County, Colorado, originally granted to the Mt. Manitou Park and Incline Railway Company pursuant to the Act of March 3, 1875; H.R. 4193, to provide that there shall be no net increase in the acres of certain Federal land under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management, the National Park Service, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, or the Forest Service unless the Federal budget is balanced for the year in which the land would be purchased; and H.R. 4222, to provide for the conveyance of certain land inholdings owned by the United States to the Tucson Unified School District and to the Pascua Yaqui Tribe of Arizona, and for other purposes.

April 27, 2012—Hearing held on H.R. 4094, to authorize pedestrian and motorized vehicular access in Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area, and for other purposes.

May 17, 2012—Hearing held on H.R. 1103, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to develop, maintain, and administer an annex in Tinian, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, as an extension of the American Memorial Park located in Saipan, and for other purposes; H.R. 3100, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to expand the boundary of the San Antonio Missions National Historical Park, to conduct a study of potential land acquisitions, and for other purposes; H.R. 3365, to reauthorize the Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act, and for other purposes; H.R. 4400, to designate the Salt Pond Visitor Center at Cape Cod National Seashore as the “Thomas P. O’Neill, Jr. Salt Pond Visitor Center”, and for other purposes; and S. 270, a bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land to Deschutes County, Oregon.

June 8, 2012—Hearing held on H.R. 3641, to establish Pinnacles National Park in the State of California as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes; H.R. 3894, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of the Pullman Historic Site in Chicago, Illinois, and for other purposes; H.R. 4606, to authorize the issuance of right-of-way permits for natural gas pipelines in Glacier National Park, and for other purpose; H.R. 5544, to authorize and expedite a land exchange involving National Forest System land in the Laurentian District of the Superior National Forest and certain other National Forest System

land in the State of Minnesota that has limited recreational and conservation resources and lands owned by the State of Minnesota in trust for the public school system that are largely scattered in checkerboard fashion within the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness and have important recreational, scenic, and conservation resources, and for other purposes; and H.R. 5791, to provide for reasonable and necessary access to Wilderness Areas for the restoration of water sources, supplies, or infrastructure during a state of emergency declared by the Governor of a State.

June 28, 2012—Hearing held on H.R. 624, to establish the First State National Historical Park in the State of Delaware, and for other purposes; H.R. 3640, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire not more than 18 acres of land and interests in land in Mariposa, California, and for other purposes; H.R. 4109, to designate additional National Forest System land in the Los Padres National Forest in the State of California as wilderness, to make certain wild and scenic river designations in that National Forest, to designate the Condor Ridge Scenic Area, to address off highway vehicle use in that National Forest, to facilitate a land exchange with the United Water Conservation District of California, and for other purposes; H.R. 4334, to establish a monument in Dona Ana County, New Mexico, and for other purposes; H.R. 4484, to provide for the conveyance of a small parcel of National Forest System land in the Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest in Utah to Brigham Young University, and for other purposes; H.R. 5319, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the mainstem of the Nashua River and its tributaries in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for study for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes; H.R. 5958, to name the Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge Visitor Contact Station of the Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge unit of Gateway National Recreation Area in honor of James L. Buckley; and H.R. 5987, to establish the Manhattan Project National Historical Park in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, Los Alamos, New Mexico, and Hanford, Washington, and for other purposes.

July 20, 2012—Hearing held on H.R. 5744, to address the forest health, public safety, and wildlife habitat threat presented by the risk of wildfire, including catastrophic wildfire, on National Forest System lands and public lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management by requiring the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to expedite forest management projects relating to hazardous fuels reduction, forest health, and economic development, and for other purposes; H.R. 5960, to amend the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003 to improve the response to insect infestations and related diseases and to change the funding source for the Healthy Forests Reserve Program, to codify the stewardship end result contracting and good neighbor authorities, and to amend the emergency watershed protection program to improve post fire rehabilitation, and for other purposes; and H.R. 6089, to address the bark beetle epidemic, drought, deteriorating forest health conditions, and high risk of wildfires on National Forest System land and land under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management in the United States by expanding authorities established in the Healthy Forest Restoration Act of 2003 to provide emergency measures for high-risk areas identified by such States, to make perma-

ment Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management authority to conduct good-neighbor cooperation with States to reduce wildfire risks, and for other purposes.

September 11, 2012—Hearing held on H.R. 4969, to include the Point Arena-Stornetta Public Lands in the California Coastal National Monument as a part of the National Landscape Conservation System, and for other purposes; and H.R. 6364, to establish a commission to ensure a suitable observance of the centennial of World War I, to designate memorials to the service of members of the United States Armed Forces in World War I, including a National World War I Memorial on the National Mall in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

II. OVERSIGHT ACTIVITIES OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATIONAL PARKS, FORESTS AND PUBLIC LANDS

A. Oversight Hearings

March 8, 2011—Oversight hearing on “Examining the Spending, Priorities and the Missions of the Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Forest Service and the President’s FY 2012 Budget Proposal.”

March 10, 2011—Oversight hearing on “Examining the Spending, Priorities and the Missions of the National Park Service and the President’s FY 2012 Budget Proposal.”

April 15, 2011—Joint oversight hearing with the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on National Security, Homeland Defense, and Foreign Operations on “The Border: Are Environmental Laws and Regulation Impeding Security and Harming the Environment?”

June 22, 2011—Oversight hearing on “Opportunities for Outdoor Recreation on Public Lands.”

July 10, 2011—Oversight field hearing in Hill City, South Dakota, on the “Impact of the Mountain Pine Beetle Epidemic in the Black Hills”.

July 14, 2011—Oversight hearing on “Secure Rural Schools Reauthorization and Forest Management Options for a Viable County Payments Program.”

September 19, 2011—Oversight field hearing in Sacramento, California, on “Restoring Public Access to the Public’s Lands: Issues Impacting Multiple-use on Our National Forests.”

October 14, 2011—Oversight hearing on “Payments in Lieu of Taxes.”

November 15, 2011—Oversight hearing on “Forest Service Regulatory Roadblocks to Productive Land Use and Recreation: Proposed Planning Rule, Special-use Permits, and Travel Management.”

February 28, 2012—Oversight hearing on “FY 2013 Budget Requests from the National Park Service and the Bureau of Land Management.”

March 12, 2012—Oversight field hearing in Elko, Nevada, on “Explosion of Federal Regulations Threatening Jobs and Economic Survival in the West.”

March 20, 2012—Oversight hearing on the “Proposed Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial.”

April 27, 2012—Oversight hearing on “Access Denied: Turning Away Visitors in National Parks.”

May 14, 2012—Joint oversight field hearing with the Subcommittee on Water and Power in Montrose, Colorado, on “Logs in the Road: Eliminating Federal Red Tape and Excessive Litigation to Create Healthy Forests, Jobs and Abundant Water and Power Supplies.”

May 21, 2012—Oversight field hearing in Longview, Washington, on “Failed Federal Forest Policies: Endangering Jobs, Forests and Species.”

June 1, 2012—Oversight hearing on the “Future of the National Mall.”

August 2, 2012—Oversight hearing on “Concession Contract Issues for Outfitters, Guides and Smaller Concessions.”

SUBCOMMITTEE ON WATER AND POWER

I. LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES

A. Legislative Hearings

May 12, 2011—Hearing held on H.R. 470, to further allocate and expand the availability of hydroelectric power generated at Hoover Dam, and for other purposes; H.R. 489, to clarify the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior with respect to the C.C. Cragin Dam and Reservoir, and for other purposes; and H.R. 818, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to allow for prepayment of repayment contracts between the United States and the Uintah Water Conservancy District.

June 2, 2011—Hearing held on H.R. 1837, to address certain water-related concerns on the San Joaquin River, and for other purposes. (Part 1)

June 13, 2011—Hearing held on H.R. 1837, to address certain water-related concerns on the San Joaquin River, and for other purposes. (Part 2)

June 23, 2011—Hearing held on H.R. 461, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal features of the electric distribution system to the South Utah Valley Electric Service District, and for other purposes; H.R. 795, to expand small-scale hydro-power; and H.R. 2060, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to adjust the Crooked River boundary, to provide water certainty for the City of Prineville, Oregon, and for other purposes.

September 14, 2011—Hearing held on H.R. 200, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of water resources in the Rialto-Colton Basin in the State of California, and for other purposes; and H.R. 2842, to authorize all Bureau of Reclamation conduit facilities for hydropower development under Federal Reclamation law, and for other purposes.

September 22, 2011—Hearing held on H.R. 1719, to better inform consumers regarding costs associated with compliance for protecting endangered and threatened species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973; and H.R. 2915, to repeal the Western Area Power Administration borrowing authority, and for other purposes.

December 2, 2011—Hearing held on H.R. 976, to terminate certain hydropower reservations, and for other purposes; and H.R. 3263, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to allow the storage

and conveyance of nonproject water at the Norman project in Oklahoma, and for other purposes.

April 17, 2012—Hearing held on H.R. 460, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to facilitate the development of hydroelectric power on the Diamond Fork System of the Central Utah Project; and H.R. 2664, to reauthorize the Water Desalination Act of 1996, and for other purposes.

June 6, 2012—Hearing held on (Draft Bill), H.R. _____, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to allow for prepayment of repayment contracts between the United States and water users, and for other purposes; and S. 997, a bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to extend a water contract between the United States and the East Bench Irrigation District.

July 10, 2012—Hearing held on H.R. 6060, to amend Public Law 106–392 to maintain annual base funding for the Upper Colorado and San Juan fish recovery programs through fiscal year 2019.

II. OVERSIGHT ACTIVITIES OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON WATER AND POWER

A. Oversight Hearings

March 2, 2011—Oversight hearing on “Examining the Spending, Priorities and the Missions of the Bureau of Reclamation and the U.S. Geological Survey’s Water Resources Program.”

March 15, 2011—Oversight hearing on “Examining the Spending, Priorities and the Missions of the Bonneville Power Administration, the Western Area Power Administration, the Southwestern Power Administration, and the Southeastern Power Administration.”

April 5, 2011—Oversight hearing on “Creating Abundant Water and Power Supplies and Job Growth by Restoring Common Sense to Federal Regulations.”

April 11, 2011—Oversight field hearing in Fresno, California, on “Creating Jobs by Overcoming Man-Made Drought: Time for Congress to Listen and Act.”

May 4, 2011—Oversight hearing on “Protecting Federal Hydro-power Investments in the West: A Stakeholder’s Perspective.”

May 24, 2011—Joint oversight hearing with the Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs on “Protecting Long-Term Tribal Energy Jobs and Keeping Arizona Water and Power Costs Affordable: The Current and Future Role of the Navajo Generating Station.”

October 18, 2011—Oversight field hearing in Highland, California on “Questionable Fish Science and Environmental Lawsuits: Jobs and Water Supplies At Risk in The Inland Empire.”

February 7, 2012—Oversight hearing on “Water for Our Future and Job Creation: Examining Regulatory and Bureaucratic Barriers to New Surface Storage Infrastructure.”

March 20, 2012—Oversight hearing on “Examining the Proposed Fiscal Year 2013 Spending, Priorities and the Missions of the Bureau of Reclamation, the U.S. Geological Survey’s Water Resources program and the Four Power Marketing Administrations.”

May 14, 2012—Joint oversight field hearing with the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands in Montrose, Colorado, on “Logs in the Road: Eliminating Federal Red

Tape and Excessive Litigation to Create Healthy Forests, Jobs and Abundant Water and Power Supplies.”

June 4, 2012—Oversight field hearing in Phoenix, Arizona, on “Evaporating Prosperity: How Federal Actions Are Driving Up Water and Power Costs, Threatening Jobs and Leaving Arizonans High and Dry.”

APPENDIX I

PRINTED HEARINGS

112-1—Oversight hearing on the Final Report from The President's National Commission on the BP Deepwater Horizon Spill and Offshore Drilling. January 26, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Full Committee)

112-2—Oversight hearing on "The Impact of the Administration's Wild Lands Order on Jobs and Economic Growth." March 1, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Full Committee)

112-3—Oversight hearing on the Department of the Interior Spending for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Office of Insular Affairs and the President's Fiscal Year 2012 budget request for the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and the Office of Insular Affairs. March 2, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs)

112-4—Oversight hearing on "Examining the Spending, Priorities and the Missions of the Bureau of Reclamation and the U.S. Geological Survey's Water Resources Program." March 2, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Water and Power)

112-5—Oversight hearing on "Department of the Interior Spending and the President's Fiscal Year 2012 Budget Proposal." March 3, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Full Committee)

112-6—Oversight hearing on "The Effectiveness of Federal Spending on Native American Programs, and on the President's FY 2012 Budget Request for the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians." March 8, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs)

112-7—Oversight hearing on "Examining the Spending, Priorities and the Missions of the Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Forest Service and the President's FY 2012 Budget Proposal." March 8, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands)

112-8—Oversight hearing to "Examine the Spending Priorities and the Missions of the U.S. Geological Survey and the President's FY 2012 Budget Proposal." March 9, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources)

112-9—Oversight hearing on "Examining the Spending, Priorities and the Missions of the National Park Service and the President's FY 2012 Budget Proposal." March 10, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands)

112-10—Oversight hearing on "Examining the Spending, Priorities and the Missions of the Bonneville Power Administration, the Western Area Power Administration, the Southwestern Power Administration, and the Southeastern Power Administration." March 15, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Water and Power)

112-11—Oversight hearing on the “Obama Administration’s De Facto Moratorium in the Gulf: State, Community and Economic Impacts.” March 16, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Full Committee)

112-12—Oversight hearing on “Harnessing American Resources to Create Jobs and Address Rising Gasoline Prices: Domestic Resources and Economic Impacts.” March 17, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Full Committee)

112-13—Oversight hearing on “Examining the Spending Priorities and the Missions of the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement (BOEMRE), and the President’s FY 2012 Budget Proposal.” March 30, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Full Committee)

112-14—Oversight hearing on “Harnessing American Resources to Create Jobs and Address Rising Gasoline Prices: Impacts on Businesses and Families.” March 31, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Full Committee)

112-15—Oversight hearing on “Spending for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the National Marine Fisheries Service and the President’s Fiscal Year 2012 Budget Request for these Agencies.” March 31, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs)

112-16—Oversight hearing on “Tribal Development of Energy Resources and the Creation of Energy Jobs on Indian Lands.” April 1, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs)

112-17—Oversight hearing on the “Effect of the President’s FY 2012 Budget and Legislative Proposals for the Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Forest Service’s Energy and Minerals Programs on Private Sector Job Creation, Domestic Energy and Minerals Production and Deficit Reduction.” April 5, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources)

112-18—Hearing on H.R. 887, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to submit a report on Indian land fractionation, and for other purposes. April 5, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs)

112-19—Oversight hearing on “Creating Abundant Water and Power Supplies and Job Growth by Restoring Common Sense to Federal Regulations.” April 5, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Water and Power)

112-20—Hearing on H.R. 1229, to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to facilitate the safe and timely production of American energy resources from the Gulf of Mexico; H.R. 1230, to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct certain offshore oil and gas lease sales, and for other purposes; and H.R. 1231, to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct certain offshore oil and gas lease sales, and for other purposes. April 6, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources)

112-21—Oversight hearing on the “Effect of the President’s FY 2012 Budget and Legislative Proposals for the Office of Surface Mining on Private Sector Job Creation, Domestic Energy Production, State Programs and Deficit Reduction.” April 7, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources)

112-22—Hearing on H.R. 258, to require the Office of Management and Budget to prepare a crosscut budget for restoration ac-

tivities in the Chesapeake Bay watershed, to require the Environmental Protection Agency to develop and implement an adaptive management plan, and for other purposes; H.R. 306, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to enter into an agreement with the Corolla Wild Horse Fund, Currituck County, and the State of North Carolina to provide for the management of free-roaming wild horses in and around the Currituck National Wildlife Refuge; H.R. 588, to redesignate the Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge as the Sam D. Hamilton Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge; and S. 266, a bill to redesignate the Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge as the Sam D. Hamilton Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge. April 7, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs)

112-23—Oversight field hearing in Fresno, California, on “Creating Jobs by Overcoming Man-made Drought: Time for Congress to Listen and Act.” April 11, 2011, Fresno, California. (Subcommittee on Water and Power)

112-24—Joint oversight hearing on “The Border: Are Environmental Laws and Regulation Impeding Security and Harming the Environment?” April 15, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands with the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on National Security, Homeland Defense, and Foreign Operations)

112-25—Oversight field hearing in Houma, Louisiana, on “Gulf of Mexico: A Focus on Community Recovery and New Response Technology.” April 18, 2011, Houma, Louisiana. (Full Committee)

112-26—Joint oversight hearing on Federal Endangered Species Act consultations on pesticides registered under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act on “At Risk: American Jobs, Agriculture, Health and Species—The Costs of Federal Regulatory Dysfunction.” May 3, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Committee on Natural Resources with the Committee on Agriculture)

112-27—Oversight hearing on “Protecting Federal Hydropower Investments in the West: A Stakeholders’ Perspective.” May 4, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Water and Power)

112-28—Hearing on H.R. 241, to authorize the conveyance of certain National Forest System lands in the Los Padres National Forest in California; H.R. 290, to amend title 36, United States Code, to ensure that memorials commemorating the service of the United States Armed Forces may contain religious symbols, and for other purposes; H.R. 320, to designate a Distinguished Flying Cross National Memorial at the March Field Air Museum in Riverside, California; H.R. 441, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to issue permits for a microhydro project in nonwilderness areas within the boundaries of Denali National Park and Preserve, to acquire land for Denali National Park and Preserve from Doyon Tourism, Inc., and for other purposes; H.R. 643, to provide for the exchange of certain land located in the Arapaho-Roosevelt National Forests in the State of Colorado, and for other purposes; H.R. 686, to require the conveyance of certain public land within the boundaries of Camp Williams, Utah, to support the training and readiness of the Utah National Guard; H.R. 765, to amend the National Forest Ski Area Permit Act of 1986 to clarify the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture regarding additional recreational uses of National

Forest System land that is subject to ski area permits, and for other purposes; H.R. 850, to facilitate a proposed project in the Lower St. Croix Wild and Scenic River, and for other purposes; H.R. 944, to eliminate an unused lighthouse reservation, provide management consistency by incorporating the rocks and small islands along the coast of Orange County, California, into the California Coastal National Monument managed by the Bureau of Land Management, and meet the original Congressional intent of preserving Orange County's rocks and small islands, and for other purposes; H.R. 1022, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of alternatives for commemorating and interpreting the role of the Buffalo Soldiers in the early years of the National Parks, and for other purposes; and H.R. 1141, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating prehistoric, historic, and limestone forest sites on Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, as a unit of the National Park System. May 4, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands)

112-29—Hearing on H.R. 470, to further allocate and expand the availability of hydroelectric power generated at Hoover Dam, and for other purposes; H.R. 489, to clarify the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior with respect to the C.C. Cragin Dam and Reservoir, and for other purposes; and H.R. 818, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to allow for prepayment of repayment contracts between the United States and the Uintah Water Conservancy District. May 12, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Water and Power)

112-30—Hearing on H.R. 295, to amend the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act of 1998 to authorize funds to acquire hydrographic data and provide hydrographic services specific to the Arctic for safe navigation, delineating the United States extended continental shelf, and the monitoring and description of coastal changes; H.R. 670, to convey certain submerged lands to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in order to give that territory the same benefits in its submerged lands as Guam, the Virgin Islands, and American Samoa have in their submerged lands; H.R. 991, to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to allow importation of polar bear trophies taken in sport hunts in Canada before the date the polar bear was determined to be a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973; H.R. 1160, to require the Secretary of the Interior to convey the McKinney Lake National Fish Hatchery to the State of North Carolina, and for other purposes; and H.R. 1670, to amend the Sikes Act to improve the application of that Act to State-owned facilities used for the national defense. May 12, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs)

112-31—Oversight hearing on the “American Energy Initiative: Identifying Roadblocks to Wind and Solar Energy on Public Lands and Waters, Part 1—Department of the Interior Officials.” May 13, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Full Committee)

112-32—Joint oversight hearing on “Protecting Long-Term Tribal Energy Jobs and Keeping Arizona Water and Power Costs Affordable: The Current and Future Role of the Navajo Generating

Station.” May 24, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Water and Power, and Subcommittee Indian and Alaska Native Affairs)

112-33—Oversight hearing on the “Strategic and Critical Minerals Policy: Domestic Minerals Supplies and Demands in a time of Foreign Supply Disruptions.” May 24, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources)

112-34—Oversight hearing on “Harnessing American Resources to Create Jobs and Address Rising Gasoline Prices: Impacts on Seniors, Working Families and Memorial Day Vacations.” May 25, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Full Committee)

112-35—Oversight hearing on “Buying More Land When We Can’t Maintain What We Already Own: The National Wildlife Refuge System’s Operations and Maintenance Backlog Story!” May 26, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs)

112-36—Hearing on H.R. 1408, to provide for the settlement of certain claims under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, and for other purposes. May 26, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs)

112-37—Oversight hearing on the “American Energy Initiative: Identifying Roadblocks to Wind and Solar Energy on Public Lands and Waters, Part 2—The Wind and Solar Industry Perspective.” June 1, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Full Committee)

112-38—Oversight hearing on “Domestic Oil and Natural Gas: Alaskan Resources, Access and Infrastructure.” June 2, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources)

112-39—Hearing on H.R. 1314, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a global rare earth element assessment, and for other purposes; and H.R. 2011, to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct an assessment of the capability of the Nation to meet our current and future demands for the minerals critical to United States manufacturing competitiveness and economic and national security in a time of expanding resource nationalism, and for other purposes. June 3, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources)

112-40—Hearing on H.R. 473, to provide for the conveyance of approximately 140 acres of land in the Ouachita National Forest in Oklahoma to the Indian Nations Council, Inc., of the Boy Scouts of America, and for other purposes; H.R. 869, to clarify the definition of flood control operations for the purposes of the operation and maintenance of Project No. 2179 on the Lower Merced River; H.R. 1258, to provide for the conveyance of parcels of land to Mantua, Box Elder County, Utah; H.R. 1545, to establish the Waco Mammoth National Monument in the State of Texas, and for other purposes; H.R. 1740, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of Illabot Creek in Skagit County, Washington, as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System; and H.R. 1904, to facilitate the efficient extraction of mineral resources in southeast Arizona by authorizing and directing an exchange of Federal and non-Federal land, and for other purposes. June 14, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands)

112-41—Hearing on H.R. 946, to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to reduce predation on endangered Columbia River salmon, and for other purposes. June 14, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs)

112-42—Hearing on H.R. 2150, to amend the Naval Petroleum Reserves Production Act of 1976 to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct an expeditious program of competitive leasing of oil and gas in the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska, including at least one lease sale in the Reserve each year in the period 2011 through 2021, and for other purposes. June 16, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources)

112-43—Hearing on H.R. 1158, to authorize the conveyance of mineral rights by the Secretary of the Interior in the State of Montana, and for other purposes; and H.R. 1560, to amend the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo and Alabama and Coushatta Indian Tribes of Texas Restoration Act to allow the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo Tribe to determine blood quantum requirement for membership in that tribe. June 22, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Indian and Native Alaska Affairs)

112-44—Oversight hearing on “Opportunities for Outdoor Recreation on Public Lands.” June 22, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands)

112-45—Hearing on H.R. 2170, streamlining Federal review to facilitate renewable energy projects; H.R. 2171, to promote timely exploration for geothermal resources under existing geothermal leases, and for other purposes; H.R. 2172, to facilitate the development of wind energy resources on Federal lands; and H.R. 2173, to facilitate the development of offshore wind energy resources. June 23, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources)

112-46—Oversight hearing on “Why We Should Care About Bats: Devastating Impact White-nose Syndrome is Having on One of Nature’s Best Pest Controllers.” June 24, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs)

112-47—Oversight field hearing in Shreveport, Louisiana, on “Giant Salvinia: How Do We Protect Our Ecosystems.” June 27, 2011, Shreveport, Louisiana. (Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs)

112-48—Hearing on H.R. 1234, to amend the Act of June 18, 1934, to reaffirm the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to take land into trust for Indian tribes; H.R. 1291, to amend the Act of June 18, 1934, to reaffirm the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to take land into trust for Indian tribes, and for other purposes; and H.R. 1421, to amend the Water Resources Development Act of 1986 to clarify the role of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma with regard to the maintenance of the W.D. Mayo Lock and Dam in Oklahoma. July 12, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs)

112-49—Oversight hearing on “Implementation of Public Law 110-229 to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and Guam”; and Legislative hearing on H.R. 44, to implement the recommendations of the Guam War Claims Review Commission;

and H.R. 1466, to resolve the status of certain persons legally residing in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands under the immigration laws of the United States. July 14, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs)

112-50—Oversight hearing on “Secure Rural Schools Reauthorization and Forest Management Options for a Viable County Payments Program.” July 14, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands)

112-51—Oversight hearing on “Abandoned Mined Lands: Innovative Solutions for Restoring the Environment, Improving Safety and Creating Jobs”. July 14, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources)

112-52—Oversight hearing on “NOAA’s Fishery Science: Is the Lack of Basic Science Costing Jobs?” July 26, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs)

112-53—Hearing on H.R. 1581, to release wilderness study areas administered by the Bureau of Land Management that are not suitable for wilderness designation from continued management as defacto wilderness areas and to release inventoried roadless areas within the National Forest System that are not recommended for wilderness designation from the land use restrictions of the 2001 Roadless Area Conservation Final Rule and the 2005 State Petitions for Inventoried Roadless Area Management Final Rule, and for other purposes; and H.R. 2578, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act related to a segment of the Lower Merced River in California, and for other purposes. July 26, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands)

112-54—Oversight hearing on “State Perspectives on Offshore Revenue Sharing.” July 27, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Full Committee)

112-55—Hearing on H.R. 50, authorizes appropriations to carry out the African Elephant Conservation Act of 1988, the Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Act of 1994, and the Asian Elephant Conservation Act of 1997 for FY2012–FY2016; H.R. 1760, to reauthorize the Great Ape Conservation Act, and for other purposes. “Great Ape Conservation Reauthorization Amendments Act”; and H.R. 1761, to reauthorize the Marine Turtle Conservation Act of 2004, and for other purposes. July 28, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs)

112-56—Oversight field hearing in Grand Junction, Colorado, on “American Jobs and Energy Security: Domestic Oil Shale—The Status of Research, Regulation and Roadblocks.” August 24, 2011, Grand Junction, Colorado. (Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources)

112-57—Hearing on (Draft Bill) H.R. _____, to modify the Forest Service Recreation Residence Program by implementing a simple, equitable, and predictable procedure for determining cabin user fees, and for other purposes; H.R. 1444, to require that hunting activities be a land use in all management plans for Federal land under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture to the extent that such use is not clearly incompatible with the purposes for which the Federal land is man-

aged, and for other purposes; and H.R. 2834, to recognize the heritage of recreational fishing, hunting, and shooting on Federal public lands and ensure continued opportunities for these activities. September 9, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands)

112-58—Oversight hearing on the “Impacts to Onshore Jobs, Revenue, and Energy: Review and Status of Sec. 390 Categorical Exclusions of the Energy Policy Act of 2005.” September 9, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources)

112-59—Hearing on H.R. 302, to provide for State approval of national monuments, and for other purposes; H.R. 758, to amend the Act popularly known as the Antiquities Act of 1906 to require certain procedures for designating national monuments, and for other purposes; H.R. 817, to amend the Antiquities Act of 1906 to place additional requirements on the establishment of national monuments under that Act, and for other purposes; H.R. 845, to prohibit the further extension or establishment of national monuments in Montana, except by express authorization of Congress, and for other purposes; H.R. 846, to prohibit the further extension or establishment of national monuments in Idaho, except by express authorization of Congress, and for other purposes; and H.R. 2147, to prohibit the further extension or establishment of national monuments in Utah except by express authorization of Congress. September 13, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands)

112-60—Hearing on H.R. 200, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of water resources in the Rialto-Colton Basin in the State of California, and for other purposes; and H.R. 2842, to authorize all Bureau of Reclamation conduit facilities for hydropower development under Federal Reclamation law, and for other purposes. September 14, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Water and Power)

112-61—Hearing on (Draft Bill) H.R. _____, to establish in the Department of the Interior an Under Secretary for Energy, Lands, and Minerals and a Bureau of Ocean Energy, an Ocean Energy Safety Service, and an Office of Natural Resources Revenue, and for other purposes. September 15, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources)

112-62—Oversight hearing on “ANWR: Jobs, Energy and Deficit Reduction.” September 21, 2011 (Part 1); and November 18, 2011 (Part 2), Washington, D.C. (Full Committee)

112-63—Hearing on (Draft Bill) H.R. _____, to increase employment and educational opportunities in, and improve the economic stability of, counties containing Federal forest lands, while also reducing the cost of managing such lands, by providing such counties a dependable source of revenue from such lands; and H.R. 2852, to authorize Western States to make selections of public land within their borders in lieu of receiving 5 percent of the proceeds of the sale of public land lying within said States as provided by their respective enabling Acts. September 22, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands)

112-64—Hearing on H.R. 1719, to better inform consumers regarding costs associated with compliance for protecting endangered

and threatened species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973; and H.R. 2915, to repeal the Western Area Power Administration borrowing authority, and for other purposes. September 22, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Water and Power)

112-65—Oversight hearing on “The Impact of Minimum Wage Increases in American Samoa and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.” September 23, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs)

112-66—Oversight field hearing in Charleston, West Virginia, on “Jobs at Risk: Community Impacts of the Obama Administration’s Effort to Rewrite the Stream Buffer Zone Rule.” September 26, 2011, Charleston, West Virginia. (Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources)

112-67—Hearing on H.R. 2938, to prohibit certain gaming activities on certain Indian lands in Arizona. October 4, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs)

112-68—Oversight hearing on “The President’s New National Ocean Policy—A Plan for Further Restrictions on Ocean, Coastal and Inland Activities.” October 4, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Full Committee) [First hearing; see also 112-76]

112-69—Oversight hearing on “One Year after President Obama’s Gulf of Mexico 6-month Moratorium Officially Lifted: Examining the Lingering Impacts on Jobs, Energy Production and Local Economies.” October 12, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Full Committee)

112-70—Oversight hearing on “BOEMRE/U.S. Coast Guard Joint Investigation Team Report.” October 13, 2011 (Part 1); and November 2, 2011 (Part 2), Washington, D.C. (Full Committee)

112-71—Oversight hearing on “Payments in Lieu of Taxes.” October 14, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands)

112-72—Oversight field hearing in Seattle, Washington, on “NOAA’s Steller Sea Lion Science and Fishery Management Restrictions—Does the Science Support the Decisions?” October 17, 2011, Seattle, Washington. (Full Committee)

112-73—Oversight field hearing in Highland, California, on “Questionable Fish Science and Environmental Lawsuits: Jobs and Water Supplies At Risk in The Inland Empire.” October 18, 2011, Highland, California. (Subcommittee on Water and Power)

112-74—Hearing on H.R. 2027, to revise the boundaries of John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System Sachuest Point Unit RI-04P, Easton Beach Unit RI-05P, Almy Pond Unit RI-06, and Hazards Beach Unit RI-07 in Rhode Island; H.R. 2154, to correct the boundaries of the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System Gasparilla Island Unit FL-70P; H.R. 2236, to provide for the issuance of a Wildlife Refuge System Conservation Semipostal Stamp; H.R. 2714, to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to allow the transport, purchase, and sale of pelts of, and handicrafts, garments, and art produced from, Southcentral and Southeast Alaska northern sea otters that are taken for subsistence purposes; H.R. 2719, to ensure public access to the summit of Rattlesnake Mountain in the Hanford Reach National Monument for educational, recreational, historical, scientific, cultural, and other purposes; H.R. 3009, to amend the National Wildlife Refuge

System Administration Act of 1966 to require that any new national wildlife refuge may not be established except as expressly authorized by statute; and H.R. 3117, to grant the Secretary of the Interior permanent authority to authorize States to issue electronic duck stamps, and for other purposes. October 25, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Fisheries, Oceans, Wildlife and Insular Affairs)

112-75—Hearing on H.R. 41, to designate certain Federal lands in San Diego County, California, as wilderness, and for other purposes; H.R. 113, to provide for additions to the Cucamonga and Sheep Mountain Wilderness Areas in the Angeles and San Bernardino National Forests and the protection of existing property rights in such additions, to require the Secretary of Agriculture to take steps to prevent and prepare for wildfires in the Cucamonga, Sheep Mountain, and San Gabriel Wilderness Areas and address the backlog of maintenance in the Angeles and San Bernardino National Forests, and for other purposes; H.R. 490, to modify the boundaries of Cibola National Forest in the State of New Mexico, to transfer certain Bureau of Land Management land for inclusion in the Manzano Mountain Wilderness, and for other purposes; H.R. 608, to expand the Alpine Lakes Wilderness in the State of Washington, to designate the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River and Pratt River as wild and scenic rivers, and for other purposes; H.R. 977, to designate as wilderness certain land and inland water within the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore in the State of Michigan, and for other purposes; H.R. 1126, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to sell certain Federal lands in Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, and Wyoming, previously identified as suitable for disposal, and for other purposes; H.R. 1413, to provide for the designation of the Devil's Staircase Wilderness Area in the State of Oregon, to designate segments of Wasson and Franklin Creeks in the State of Oregon as wild or recreation rivers, and for other purposes; and H.R. 2050, to authorize the continued use of certain water diversions located on National Forest System land in the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness and the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness in the State of Idaho, and for other purposes. October 25, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands)

112-76—Oversight hearing on “The President’s New National Ocean Policy—A Plan for Further Restrictions on Ocean, Coastal and Inland Activities.” October 26, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Full Committee) [Second hearing; see also *112-68*]

112-77—Oversight hearing on “Gulf Coast Recovery: President Obama’s BP Compensation Fund, How Is It Working?” October 27, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Full Committee)

112-78—Oversight hearing on “North American Offshore Energy: Mexico and Canada Boundary Treaties and New Drilling by Cuba and Bahamas.” November 2, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources)

112-79—Oversight hearing on “Florida Everglades Restoration: What are the Priorities?” November 3, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs)

112-80—Hearing on H.R. 205, to amend the Act titled “An Act to authorize the leasing of restricted Indian lands for public, religious, educational, recreational, residential, business, and other purposes requiring the grant of long-term leases”, approved August 9, 1955, to provide for Indian tribes to enter into certain leases without prior express approval from the Secretary of the Interior; and H.R. 2362, to facilitate economic development by Indian tribes and encourage investment by Turkish enterprises. November 3, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs)

112-81—Hearing on H.R. 1980, to authorize the Gold Star Mothers National Monument Foundation to establish a national monument in the District of Columbia; H.R. 2070, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to install in the area of the World War II Memorial in the District of Columbia a suitable plaque or an inscription with the words that President Franklin D. Roosevelt prayed with the nation on June 6, 1944, the morning of D-Day; H.R. 2621, to establish the Chimney Rock National Monument in the State of Colorado, and for other purposes; and H.R. 3155, to preserve the multiple use land management policy in the State of Arizona, and for other purposes. November 3, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands)

112-82—Oversight hearing on “Jobs at Risk: Waste and Mismanagement by the Obama Administration in Rewriting the Stream Buffer Zone Rule.” November 4, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources)

112-83—Oversight hearing on “Forest Service Regulatory Roadblocks to Productive Land Use and Recreation: Proposed Planning Rule, Special-Use Permits, and Travel Management.” November 15, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands)

112-84—Oversight hearing on “The Future of U.S. Oil and Natural Gas Development on Federal Lands and Waters.” November 16, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Full Committee)

112-85—Hearing on (Draft Bill) H.R. _____, to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct certain offshore oil and gas lease sales, to provide fair and equitable revenue sharing for all coastal States, to formulate future offshore energy development plans in areas with the most potential, to generate revenue for American infrastructure, and for other purposes; (Draft bill) H.R. _____, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish and implement a competitive oil and gas leasing program for the exploration, development, and production of the oil and gas resources of the Coastal Plain of Alaska, to ensure secure energy supplies for the continental Pacific Coast of the United States, lower prices, and reduce imports, and for other purposes; (Draft bill) H.R. _____, to set clear rules for the development of United States oil shale resources, to promote shale technology research and development, and for other purposes; and (Draft Bill) H.R. _____, to limit the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to issue regulations before December 31, 2013, under the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977. November 18, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources)

112–86—Hearing on H.R. 594, to promote jobs creation, promote sustainable fisheries and fishing communities, revitalize waterfronts, and for other purposes; H.R. 1013, to amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to provide the New England Fishery Management Council additional resources to address research and monitoring priorities established by the Council; H.R. 1646, to amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to preserve jobs and coastal communities through transparency and accountability in fishery management, and for other purposes; H.R. 2304, to amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Reauthorization Act of 2006 to provide the necessary scientific information to properly implement annual catch limits, and for other purposes; H.R. 2610, to amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to reform procedures for the payment of funds from the asset forfeiture fund, and for other purposes; H.R. 2753, to amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to provide Internet access to Regional Fishery Management Council meetings and meeting records, and for other purposes; H.R. 2772, to amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to permit eligible fishermen to approve certain limited access privilege programs, and for other purposes; and H.R. 3061, to amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to extend the authorized time period for rebuilding of certain overfished fisheries, and for other purposes. December 1, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Full Committee)

112–87—Hearing on H.R. 1038, to authorize the conveyance of two small parcels of land within the boundaries of the Coconino National Forest containing private improvements that were developed based upon the reliance of the landowners in an erroneous survey conducted in May 1960; H.R. 1237, to provide for a land exchange with the Trinity Public Utilities District of Trinity County, California, involving the transfer of land to the Bureau of Land Management and the Six Rivers National Forest in exchange for National Forest System land in the Shasta-Trinity National Forest, and for other purposes; H.R. 2157, to facilitate a land exchange involving certain National Forest System lands in the Inyo National Forest, and for other purposes; H.R. 2490, to amend the National Trails System Act to provide for a study of the Cascadia Marine Trail; H.R. 2504, to establish Coltsville National Historical Park in the State of Connecticut, and for other purposes; H.R. 2745, to amend the Mesquite Lands Act of 1986 to facilitate implementation of a multispecies habitat conservation plan for the Virgin River in Clark County, Nevada; H.R. 2947, to provide for the release of the reversionary interest held by the United States in certain land conveyed by the United States in 1950 for the establishment of an airport in Cook County, Minnesota; H.R. 3222, to designate certain National Park System land in Olympic National Park as wilderness or potential wilderness, and for other purposes; H.R. 3452, to provide for the sale of approximately 30 acres of Federal land in Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest in Salt Lake County, Utah, to permit the establishment of a minimally invasive transportation alternative for skiers, called ‘SkiLink’, to connect two ski resorts in the Wasatch Mountains, and for other purposes; and S. 684, a bill

to provide for the conveyance of certain parcels of land to the town of Alta, Utah. December 2, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands)

112-88—Oversight hearing on “The Endangered Species Act: How Litigation is Costing Jobs and Impeding True Recovery Efforts.” December 6, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Full Committee)

112-89—Oversight hearing on the “Harris Neck National Wildlife Refuge and How the Federal Government Obtained Title to This Land and Promises Made to the Original Landowners”; and Legislative hearing on H.R. 1171, to reauthorize and amend the Marine Debris Research, Prevention, and Reduction Act; and S. 363, a bill to authorize the Secretary of Commerce to convey property of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to the City of Pascagoula, Mississippi, and for other purposes. December 15, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs)

112-90—Joint oversight hearing on the “Challenges Facing Domestic Oil and Gas Development: Review of Bureau of Land Management/U.S. Forest Service Ban on Horizontal Drilling on Federal Lands.” July 8, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources with the Committee on Agriculture)

112-91—Hearing on H.R. 919, to provide for the conveyance of certain public land in Mohave Valley, Mohave County, Arizona, administered by the Bureau of Land Management to the Arizona Game and Fish Commission, for use as a public shooting range; H.R. 938, to establish a commission to ensure a suitable observance of the centennial of World War I and to designate memorials to the service of men and women of the United States in World War I; H.R. 1278, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resources study regarding the suitability and feasibility of designating the John Hope Franklin Reconciliation Park and other sites in Tulsa, Oklahoma, relating to the 1921 Tulsa race riot as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes; H.R. 2240, to authorize the exchange of land or interest in land between Lowell National Historical Park and the city of Lowell in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and for other purposes; H.R. 2489, to authorize the acquisition and protection of nationally significant battlefields and associated sites of the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812 under the American Battlefield Protection Program; H.R. 3411, to modify a land grant patent issued by the Secretary of the Interior; and H.R. 3440, to provide for certain oversight and approval on any decisions to close National Monument land under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management to recreational shooting, and for other purposes. January 24, 2012, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands)

112-92—Oversight hearing on “Water for Our Future and Job Creation: Examining Regulatory and Bureaucratic Barriers to New Surface Storage Infrastructure.” February 7, 2012, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Water and Power)

112-93—Oversight hearing on “Department of the Interior Spending and the President’s Fiscal Year 2013 Budget Proposal.” February 15, 2012, Washington, D.C. (Full Committee)

112-94—Hearing on H.R. 3973, to facilitate the development of energy on Indian lands by reducing Federal regulations that im-

pede tribal development of Indian lands, and for other purposes. February 15, 2012, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs)

112-95—Oversight hearing on the “Proposed Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP) for the Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge.” February 17, 2012, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans)

112-96—Oversight field hearing in Steubenville, Ohio, on “Natural Gas—America’s New Energy Opportunity: Creating Jobs, Energy and Community Growth”. February 27, 2012, Steubenville, Ohio. (Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources)

112-97—Oversight hearing on “FY 2013 Budget Requests from the National Park Service and the Bureau of Land Management.” February 28, 2012, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands)

112-98—Hearing on H.R. 1272, to provide for the use and distribution of the funds awarded to the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, et al, by the United States Court of Federal Claims in Docket Numbers 19 and 188, and for other purposes. March 1, 2012, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs)

112-99—Oversight hearing on the “Effect of the President’s FY 2013 Budget and Legislative Proposals for the Office of Surface Mining on Private Sector Job Creation, Domestic Energy Production, State Programs and Deficit Reduction.” March 6, 2012, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources)

112-100—Oversight hearing on “The Council on Environmental Quality’s FY 2013 Funding Request and the Effects on NEPA, National Ocean Policy and Other Federal Environmental Policy Initiatives.” March 7, 2012, Washington, D.C. (Full Committee)

112-101—Oversight hearing on the “Effect of the President’s FY 2013 Budget and Legislative Proposals for the Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Forest Service’s Energy and Minerals Programs on Private Sector Job Creation, Domestic Energy and Minerals Production and Deficit Reduction.” March 20, 2012, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources)

112-102—Oversight hearing on “The Proposed Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial.” March 20, 2012, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands)

112-103—Oversight hearing on “Empty Hooks: The National Ocean Policy is the Latest Threat to Access for Recreational and Commercial Fishermen.” March 22, 2012, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs)

112-104—Hearing on H.R. 1241, to establish the Rio Grande del Norte National Conservation Area in the State of New Mexico, and for other purposes; H.R. 1818, to designate Mt. Andrea Lawrence, and for other purposes; H.R. 2984, to designate certain Federal lands within the Cross Island National Wildlife Refuge and the Petit Manan National Wildlife Refuge, part of the Maine Coastal Islands National Wildlife Refuge Complex, in Lincoln County, Hancock County, and Washington County, Maine, as wilderness; and H.R. 4234, to amend the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 to improve the management of grazing leases and permits,

and for other purposes. March 29, 2012, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands)

112-105—Oversight field hearing in Anchorage, Alaska, on “Alaska’s Sovereignty In Peril: The National Ocean Policy’s Goal to Federalize Alaska.” April 3, 2012, Anchorage, Alaska. (Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs)

112-106—Oversight hearing on the “Impacts of the Bureau of Land Management’s Hydraulic Fracturing Rule on Indian Tribal Energy Development.” April 19, 2012, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs)

112-107—Oversight hearing on “Increased Electricity Costs for American Families and Small Businesses: The Potential Impacts of the Chu Memorandum.” April 26, 2012, Washington, D.C. (Full Committee)

112-108—Hearing on H.R. 4094, to authorize pedestrian and motorized vehicular access in Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area, and for other purposes; and Oversight hearing on “Access Denied: Turning Away Visitors to National Parks.” April 27, 2012, Washington, D.C. (National Parks, Forests and Public Lands)

112-109—Hearing on H.R. 3210, to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to limit the application of that Act with respect to plants and plant products that were imported before the effective date of amendments to that Act enacted in 2008, and for other purposes; and H.R. 4171, to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to repeal certain provisions relating to criminal penalties and violations of foreign laws, and for other purposes. May 8, 2012, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs)

112-110—Oversight hearing on “Evaluating President Obama’s Offshore Drilling Plan and Impacts on Our Future.” May 9, 2012, Washington, D.C. (Full Committee)

112-111—Joint oversight field hearing in Montrose, Colorado, on “Logs in the Road: Eliminating Federal Red Tape and Excessive Litigation to Create Healthy Forests, Jobs and Abundant Water and Power Supplies.” May 14, 2012, Montrose, Colorado. (Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands, and Subcommittee on Water and Power)

112-112—Oversight field hearing in Longview, Washington, on “Failed Federal Forest Policies: Endangering Jobs, Forests and Species.” May 21, 2012, Longview, Washington. (Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands)

112-113—Oversight hearing on the “Obama Administration’s Actions Against the Spruce Coal Mine: Canceled Permits, Lawsuits and Lost Jobs.” June 1, 2012, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources)

112-114—Oversight hearing on the “Future of the National Mall.” June 1, 2012, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands)

112-115—Oversight field hearing in Phoenix, Arizona, on “Evaporating Prosperity: How Federal Actions Are Driving Up Water and Power Costs, Threatening Jobs and Leaving Arizonans High and Dry.” June 4, 2012, Phoenix, Arizona. (Subcommittee on Water and Power)

112-116—Oversight hearing on “Taxpayer-Funded Litigation: Benefitting Lawyers and Harming Species, Jobs and Schools.” June 19, 2012, Washington, D.C. (Full Committee)

112-117—Oversight hearing on “Mandatory Conditioning Requirements on Hydropower: How Federal Resource Agencies are Driving Up Electricity Costs and Decreasing the Original Green Energy.” June 27, 2012, Washington, D.C. (Full Committee)

112-118—Hearing on H.R. 624, to establish the First State National Historical Park in the State of Delaware, and for other purposes; H.R. 3640, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire not more than 18 acres of land and interests in land in Mariposa, California, and for other purposes; H.R. 4109, to designate additional National Forest System land in the Los Padres National Forest in the State of California as wilderness, to make certain wild and scenic river designations in that National Forest, to designate the Condor Ridge Scenic Area, to address off highway vehicle use in that National Forest, to facilitate a land exchange with the United Water Conservation District of California, and for other purposes; H.R. 4334, to establish a monument in Dona Ana County, New Mexico, and for other purposes; H.R. 4484, to provide for the conveyance of a small parcel of National Forest System land in the Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest in Utah to Brigham Young University, and for other purposes; H.R. 5319, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the mainstem of the Nashua River and its tributaries in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for study for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes; H.R. 5958, to name the Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge Visitor Contact Station of the Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge unit of Gateway National Recreation Area in honor of James L. Buckley; and H.R. 5987, to establish the Manhattan Project National Historical Park in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, Los Alamos, New Mexico, and Hanford, Washington, and for other purposes. June 28, 2012, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands)

112-119—Hearing on H.R. 6060, to amend Public Law 106-392 to maintain annual base funding for the Upper Colorado and San Juan fish recovery programs through fiscal year 2019. July 10, 2012, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Water and Power)

112-120—Oversight hearing on “Status of Obama Administration’s Rewrite of the Stream Buffer Zone Rule and Compliance with Committee Subpoenas.” July 19, 2012, Washington, D.C. (Full Committee)

112-121—Hearing on H.R. 5744, to address the forest health, public safety, and wildlife habitat threat presented by the risk of wildfire, including catastrophic wildfire, on National Forest System lands and public lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management by requiring the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to expedite forest management projects relating to hazardous fuels reduction, forest health, and economic development, and for other purposes; H.R. 5960, to amend the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003 to improve the response to insect infestations and related diseases and to change the funding source for the Healthy Forests Reserve Program, to codify the stewardship end result contracting and good neighbor authorities, and to amend

the emergency watershed protection program to improve post fire rehabilitation, and for other purposes; and H.R. 6089, to address the bark beetle epidemic, drought, deteriorating forest health conditions, and high risk of wildfires on National Forest System land and land under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management in the United States by expanding authorities established in the Healthy Forest Restoration Act of 2003 to provide emergency measures for high-risk areas identified by such States, to make permanent Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management authority to conduct good-neighbor cooperation with States to reduce wildfire risks, and for other purposes. July 20, 2012, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands)

112-122—Oversight hearing on “The Impact of Catastrophic Forest Fires and Litigation on People and Endangered Species: Time for Rational Management of our Nation’s Forests.” July 24, 2012, Washington, D.C. (Full Committee)

112-123—Oversight hearing on “Oversight of the Actions, Independence and Accountability of the Acting Inspector General of the Department of the Interior.” August 2, 2012, Washington, D.C. (Full Committee)

112-124—Oversight hearing on “Concession Contract Issues for Outfitters, Guides and Smaller Concessions.” August 2, 2012, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands)

112-125—Legislative field hearing in Pasco, Washington, on H.R. 6247, to protect the Federal Columbia River Power System, Power Marketing Administration customers, and Bureau of Reclamation dams and other facilities and to promote new Federal and other hydropower generation. August 15, 2012, Pasco, Washington. (Full Committee)

112-126—Oversight field hearing in Panama City, Florida, on “Fishing = Jobs: How Strengthening America’s Fisheries Strengthens Our Economy.” August 25, 2012, Panama City, Florida. (Full Committee)

112-127—Hearing on H.R. 6040, to approve the Agreement providing terms for a continuation of the free association between the United States and Palau, and for other purposes; and H.R. 6147, to designate the exclusive economic zone of the United States as the “Ronald Wilson Reagan Exclusive Economic Zone of the United States”. September 10, 2012, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs)

112-128—Oversight hearing on “The Chu Memorandum: Directives Could Increase Electricity Costs for over 40 Million Families and Small Businesses.” September 11, 2012, Washington, D.C. (Full Committee)

112-129—Oversight hearing on “Committee Oversight of Department of the Interior: Questioning of Key Department of the Interior Officials.” September 13, 2012, Washington, D.C. (Full Committee)

112-130—Oversight hearing on “Per Capita Act and Federal Treatment of Trust Per Capita Distributions.” September 14, 2012, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs)

112-131—Hearing on H.R. 511, to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the importation of various injurious species of

constrictor snakes. November 29, 2012, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs)

APPENDIX II

LEGISLATION PASSED HOUSE

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS PASSED HOUSE (BY DATE)

[Asterisk (*) denotes bills that the Committee on Natural Resources was not the lead Committee]

01/19/2011—H.R. 2*, to repeal the job-killing health care law and health care-related provisions in the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010. Passed House, as amended, by vote of 245–189.

03/02/2011—H.R. 662*, to provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund pending enactment of a multiyear law reauthorizing such programs. Passed House, as amended, by vote of 421–4. (Public Law 111–5)

05/05/2011—H.R. 1230, to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct certain offshore oil and gas lease sales, and for other purposes. Passed House by vote of 266–149.

05/11/2011—H.R. 1229, to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to facilitate the safe and timely production of American energy resources from the Gulf of Mexico. Passed House, as amended, by vote of 263–163.

05/12/2011—H.R. 1231, to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to require that each 5-year offshore oil and gas leasing program offer leasing in the areas with the most prospective oil and gas resources, to establish a domestic oil and natural gas production goal, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by vote of 243–179.

07/26/2011—H.R. 1938*, to direct the President to expedite the consideration and approval of the construction and operation of the Keystone XL oil pipeline, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by vote of 279–147.

10/03/2011—H.R. 470, to further allocate and expand the availability of hydroelectric power generated at Hoover Dam, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote. (Public Law 112–72)

10/03/2011—H.R. 473, to provide for the conveyance of approximately 140 acres of land in the Ouachita National Forest in Oklahoma to the Indian Nations Council, Inc., of the Boy Scouts of America, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote. (Public Law 112–103)

10/03/2011—H.R. 489, to clarify the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior with respect to the C.C. Cragin Dam and Reservoir, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote. (Public Law 112–45)

10/03/2011—H.R. 670, to convey certain submerged lands to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in order to give

that territory the same benefits in its submerged lands as Guam, the Virgin Islands, and American Samoa have in their submerged lands. Passed House by vote of 397–0.

10/03/2011—H.R. 686, to require the conveyance of certain public land within the boundaries of Camp Williams, Utah, to support the training and readiness of the Utah National Guard. Passed House, as amended, by vote of 400–0.

10/03/2011—H.R. 765*, to amend the National Forest Ski Area Permit Act of 1986 to clarify the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture regarding additional recreational uses of National Forest System land that is subject to ski area permits, and for other purposes. Passed House by vote of 394–0. (Public Law 112–46)

10/24/2011—H.R. 295, to amend the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act of 1998 to authorize funds to acquire hydrographic data and provide hydrographic services specific to the Arctic for safe navigation, delineating the United States extended continental shelf, and the monitoring and description of coastal changes. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote.

10/24/2011—H.R. 320, to designate a Distinguished Flying Cross National Memorial at the March Field Air Museum in Riverside, California. Passed House by vote of 392–1.

10/24/2011—H.R. 441, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to issue permits for microhydro projects in nonwilderness areas within the boundaries of Denali National Park and Preserve, to acquire land for Denali National Park and Preserve from Doyon Tourism, Inc., and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote.

10/24/2011—H.R. 461, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal features of the electric distribution system to the South Utah Valley Electric Service District, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote.

10/24/2011—H.R. 818, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to allow for prepayment of repayment contracts between the United States and the Uintah Water Conservancy District. Passed House by voice vote. (Public Law 112–52)

10/24/2011—H.R. 1160, to require the Secretary of the Interior to convey the McKinney Lake National Fish Hatchery to the State of North Carolina, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by vote of 395–0.

10/26/2011—H.R. 1904, to facilitate the efficient extraction of mineral resources in southeast Arizona by authorizing and directing an exchange of Federal and non-Federal land, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by vote of 235–186.

11/14/2011—H.R. 588, to redesignate the Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge as the Sam D. Hamilton Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge. Passed House by voice vote. (Public Law 112–94)

12/07/2011—H.R. 944, to eliminate an unused lighthouse reservation, provide management consistency by incorporating the rocks and small islands along the coast of Orange County, California, into the California Coastal National Monument managed by the Bureau of Land Management, and meet the original Congressional intent of preserving Orange County's rocks and small islands, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote.

12/07/2011—H.R. 1560, to amend the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo and Alabama and Coushatta Indian Tribes of Texas Restoration Act to allow the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo Tribe to determine blood quantum requirement for membership in that tribe. Passed House by voice vote. (Public Law 112–157)

12/07/2011—H.R. 2351, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to continue stocking fish in certain lakes in the North Cascades National Park, Ross Lake National Recreation Area, and Lake Chelan National Recreation Area. Passed House by voice vote.

12/07/2011—H.R. 2360, to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to extend the Constitution, laws, and jurisdiction of the United States to installations and devices attached to the seabed of the Outer Continental Shelf for the production and support of production of energy from sources other than oil and gas, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote.

12/07/2011—S. 535*, a bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to lease certain lands within Fort Pulaski National Monument, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote. (Public Law 112–69)

12/07/2011—S. 683*, a bill to provide for the conveyance of certain parcels of land to the town of Mantua, Utah. Passed House by voice vote. (Public Law 112–70)

12/07/2011—S. Con. Res. 32*, a concurrent resolution to authorize the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make technical corrections in the enrollment of H.R. 470, an Act to further allocate and expand the availability of hydroelectric power generated at Hoover Dam, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote.

12/13/2011—H.R. 3630*, to provide incentives for the creation of jobs, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by vote of 234–193. (Public Law 112–96)

12/15/2011—H.R. 443, to provide for the conveyance of certain property from the United States to the Maniilaq Association located in Kotzebue, Alaska. Passed House, as amended, by vote of 407–4. (Public Law 112–xxx)

12/15/2011—H.R. 2719, to ensure public access to the summit of Rattlesnake Mountain in the Hanford Reach National Monument for educational, recreational, historical, scientific, cultural, and other purposes. Passed House by vote of 416–0.

12/16/2011—S. 278*, a bill to provide for the exchange of certain land located in the Arapaho-Roosevelt National Forests in the State of Colorado, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by vote of 413–0. (Public Law 112–79)

12/23/2011—H.R. 3765*, to extend the payroll tax holiday, unemployment compensation, Medicare physician payment, provide for the consideration of the Keystone XL pipeline, and for other purposes. Passed House without objection. (Public Law 112–78)

01/23/2011—H.R. 1141, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating prehistoric, historic, and limestone forest sites on Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, as a unit of the National Park System. Passed House by vote of 278–100.

01/23/2011—H.R. 3117, to grant the Secretary of the Interior permanent authority to authorize States to issue electronic duck

stamps, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by vote of 373–1.

01/24/2012—H.R. 290, to amend title 36, United States Code, to ensure that memorials commemorating the service of the United States Armed Forces may contain religious symbols, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote.

01/24/2012—H.R. 2070, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to install in the area of the World War II Memorial in the District of Columbia a suitable plaque or an inscription with the words that President Franklin D. Roosevelt prayed with the nation on June 6, 1944, the morning of D-Day. Passed House, as amended, by vote of 386–26.

01/25/2012—H.R. 1022, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of alternatives for commemorating and interpreting the role of the Buffalo Soldiers in the early years of the National Parks, and for other purposes. Passed House by vote of 338–70.

02/06/2012—H.R. 306, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to enter into an agreement to provide for management of the free-roaming wild horses in and around the Currituck National Wildlife Refuge. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote.

02/06/2012—H.R. 1162, to provide the Quileute Indian Tribe Tsunami and Flood Protection, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by vote of 381–7. (Public Law 112–97)

02/07/2012—H.R. 2606, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to allow the construction and operation of natural gas pipeline facilities in the Gateway National Recreation Area, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote. (Public Law 112–197)

02/16/2012—H.R. 3408, to set clear rules for the development of United States oil shale resources, to promote shale technology research and development, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by vote of 237–187.

02/29/2012—H.R. 1837, to address certain water-related concerns on the San Joaquin River, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by vote of 246–175.

03/01/2012—S. 1134*, a bill to authorize the St. Croix River Crossing Project with appropriate mitigation measures to promote river values. Passed House by vote of 339–80. (Public Law 112–100).

03/07/2012—H.R. 2842, to authorize all Bureau of Reclamation conduit facilities for hydropower development under Federal Reclamation law, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by vote of 265–154.

03/20/2012—H.R. 2087, to remove restrictions from a parcel of land situated in the Atlantic District, Accomack County, Virginia. Passed House, as amended, by vote of 240–164.

03/29/2012—H.R. 4281*, to provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund pending enactment of a multiyear law reauthorizing such programs. Passed House by vote of 266–158. (Public Law 112–102)

04/17/2012—H.R. 4089, to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing and shooting. Passed House, as amended, by vote of 274–146.

04/18/2012—H.R. 4348*, to provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund pending enactment of a multiyear law reauthorizing such programs, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by vote of 293–127. (Public Law 112–141)

04/24/2012—H.R. 491, to modify the boundaries of Cibola National Forest in the State of New Mexico, to transfer certain Bureau of Land Management land for inclusion in the national forest, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote.

04/24/2012—H.R. 2157, to facilitate a land exchange involving certain National Forest System lands in the Inyo National Forest, and for other purposes. Passed House by vote of 376–2.

04/24/2012—H.R. 2947, to provide for the release of the reversionary interest held by the United States in certain land conveyed by the United States in 1950 for the establishment of an airport in Cook County, Minnesota. Passed House by voice vote. (Public Law 112–129)

04/25/2012—H.R. 1038, to authorize the conveyance of two small parcels of land within the boundaries of the Coconino National Forest containing private improvements that were developed based upon the reliance of the landowners in an erroneous survey conducted in May 1960. Passed House, as amended, by vote of 421–1.

04/26/2012—H.R. 2050, to authorize the continued use of certain water diversions located on National Forest System land in the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness and the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness in the State of Idaho, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote.

04/26/2012—H.R. 2240, to authorize the exchange of land or interest in land between Lowell National Historical Park and the city of Lowell in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote. (Public Law 112–182)

04/27/2012—H.R. 4849, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to issue commercial use authorizations to commercial stock operators for operations in designated wilderness within the Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by unanimous consent. (Public Law 112–128)

05/15/2012—H.R. 205, to amend the Act titled “An Act to authorize the leasing of restricted Indian lands for public, religious, educational, recreational, residential, business, and other purposes requiring the grant of long-term leases,” approved August 9, 1955, to provide for Indian tribes to enter into certain leases without prior express approval from the Secretary of the Interior, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by vote of 400–0. (Public Law 112–151)

05/15/2012—H.R. 3874, to provide for the conveyance of eight cemeteries that are located on National Forest System land in Black Hills National Forest, South Dakota. Passed House, as amended, by vote of 400–1.

05/16/2012—H.R. 2621, to establish the Chimney Rock National Monument in the State of Colorado, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote.

05/16/2012—H.R. 2745, to amend the Mesquite Lands Act of 1986 to facilitate implementation of a multispecies habitat conservation plan for the Virgin River in Clark County, Nevada. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote.

06/05/2012—H.R. 241, to authorize the conveyance of certain National Forest System lands in the Los Padres National Forest in California. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote.

06/05/2012—H.R. 1740, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of Illabot Creek in Skagit County, Washington, as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote.

06/05/2012—H.R. 2060, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to adjust the Crooked River boundary, to provide water certainty for the City of Prineville, Oregon, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote.

06/05/2012—H.R. 2336, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the York River and associated tributaries for study for potential inclusion in the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote.

06/05/2012—H.R. 2512, to provide for the conveyance of certain Federal land in Clark County, Nevada, for the environmental remediation and reclamation of the Three Kids Mine Project Site, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote.

06/05/2012—H.R. 3263, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to allow the storage and conveyance of nonproject water at the Norman project in Oklahoma, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote. (Public Law 112–xxx)

06/05/2012—H.R. 4222, to provide for the conveyance of certain land inholdings owned by the United States to the Tucson Unified School District and to the Pascua Yaqui Tribe of Arizona, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote.

06/06/2012—S. 292*, a bill to resolve the claims of the Bering Straits Native Corporation and the State of Alaska to land adjacent to Salmon Lake in the State of Alaska and to provide for the conveyance to the Bering Straits Native Corporation of certain other public land in partial satisfaction of the land entitlement of the Corporation under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act. Passed House by voice vote. (Public Law 112–133)

06/06/2012—S. 363*, a bill to authorize the Secretary of Commerce to convey property of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to the City of Pascagoula, Mississippi, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote. (Public Law 112–134)

06/18/2012—H.R. 1272, to provide for the use and distribution of the funds awarded to the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, et al., by the United States Court of Federal Claims in Docket Numbers 19 and 188, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote. (Public Law 112–179)

06/18/2012—H.R. 1556, to amend the Omnibus Indian Advancement Act to allow certain land to be used to generate income to provide funding for academic programs, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote.

06/18/2012—H.R. 4027, to clarify authority granted under the Act on “An Act to define the exterior boundary of the Uintah and Ouray Indian Reservation in the State of Utah, and for other purposes.” Passed House by voice vote.

06/18/2012—S. 404*, a bill to modify a land grant patent issued by the Secretary of the Interior. Passed House by vote of 380–0. (Public Law 112–137)

06/18/2012—S. 684*, a bill to provide for the conveyance of certain parcels of land to the town of Alta, Utah. Passed House by vote of 383–3. (Public Law 112–138)

06/18/2012—S. 997*, a bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to extend a water contract between the United States and the East Bench Irrigation District. Passed House by voice vote. (Public Law 112–139)

06/19/2012—H.R. 2578, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act related to a segment of the Lower Merced River in California, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by vote of 232–188.

06/19/2012—H.R. 2938, to prohibit certain gaming activities on certain Indian lands in Arizona. Passed House, as amended, by vote of 343–78.

06/21/2012—H.R. 4480*, to provide for the development of a plan to increase oil and gas exploration, development, and production under oil and gas leases of Federal lands under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of Energy, the Secretary of the Interior, and the Secretary of Defense in response to a drawdown of petroleum reserves from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve. Passed House, as amended, by vote of 248–163.

06/29/2012—H.R. 6064*, to provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund pending enactment of a multiyear law reauthorizing such programs. Passed House without objection. (Public Law 112–140)

07/11/2012—H.R. 6079*, to repeal the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and health care-related provisions in the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010. Passed House by vote of 244–185.

07/12/2012—H.R. 4402, to require the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to more efficiently develop domestic sources of the minerals and mineral materials of strategic and critical importance to United States economic and national security and manufacturing competitiveness. Passed House, as amended, by vote of 256–160.

07/23/2012—H.R. 1237, to provide for a land exchange with the Trinity Public Utilities District of Trinity County, California, involving the transfer of land to the Bureau of Land Management and the Six Rivers National Forest in exchange for National Forest System land in the Shasta-Trinity National Forest, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote.

07/23/2012—H.R. 2467, to take certain Federal lands in Mono County, California, into trust for the benefit of the Bridgeport Indian Colony. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote. (Public Law 112–212)

07/23/2012—H.R. 3388, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of the Beaver, Chipuxet, Queen, Wood, and Pawcatuck Rivers in the States of Connecticut and Rhode Island for study for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote.

07/23/2012—H.R. 4484, to provide for the conveyance of a small parcel of National Forest System land in the Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest in Utah to Brigham Young University, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote.

07/23/2012—H.R. 5958, to name the Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge Visitor Contact Station of the Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge unit of Gateway National Recreation Area in honor of James L. Buckley. Passed House by voice vote.

07/25/2012—H.R. 6082, to officially replace, within the 60-day Congressional review period under the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act, President Obama's Proposed Final Outer Continental Shelf Oil & Gas Leasing Program (2012–2017) with a congressional plan that will conduct additional oil and natural gas lease sales to promote offshore energy development, job creation, and increased domestic energy production to ensure a more secure energy future in the United States, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by vote of 253–170.

07/31/2012—H.R. 3641, to establish Pinnacles National Park in the State of California as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote. (Public Law 112–xxx)

08/01/2012—H.R. 1171*, to reauthorize and amend the Marine Debris Research, Prevention, and Reduction Act. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote.

08/01/2012—H.R. 3706, to create the Office of Chief Financial Officer of the Government of the Virgin Islands, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote.

08/01/2012—H.R. 4073, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to accept the quitclaim, disclaimer, and relinquishment of a railroad right of way within and adjacent to Pike National Forest in El Paso County, Colorado, originally granted to the Mt. Manitou Park and Incline Railway Company pursuant to the Act of March 3, 1875. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote. (Public Law 112–xxx)

08/01/2012—S. 270*, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land to Deschutes County, Oregon. Passed House by voice vote. (Public Law 112–164)

08/01/2012—S. 271*, to require the Secretary of Agriculture to enter into a property conveyance with the city of Wallowa, Oregon, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote. (Public Law 112–165)

09/10/2012—H.R. 2489, to authorize the acquisition and protection of nationally significant battlefields and associated sites of the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812 under the American Battlefield Protection Program. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote.

09/10/2012—H.R. 2706, to prohibit the sale of billfish. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote. (Public Law 112–183)

09/10/2012—H.R. 3397, to modify the Forest Service Recreation Residence Program by implementing a simple, equitable, and predictable procedure for determining cabin user fees, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote.

09/10/2012—H.R. 6007, to exempt from the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 certain water transfers by the North Texas Municipal Water District and the Greater Texoma Utility Authority. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote.

09/12/2012—H.R. 5544, to authorize and expedite a land exchange involving National Forest System land in the Laurentian District of the Superior National Forest and certain other National Forest System land in the State of Minnesota that has limited recreational and conservation resources and lands owned by the State of Minnesota in trust for the public school system that are largely scattered in checkerboard fashion within the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness and have important recreational, scenic, and conservation resources, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by vote of 225–189.

09/19/2012—H.R. 1461, to authorize the Mescalero Apache Tribe to lease adjudicated water rights. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote.

09/19/2012—H.R. 3319, to allow the Pascua Yaqui Tribe to determine the requirements for membership in that tribe. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote. (Public Law 112–214)

09/19/2012—H.R. 6060, to amend Public Law 106–392 to maintain annual base funding for the Upper Colorado and San Juan fish recovery programs through fiscal year 2019. Passed House by voice vote. (Public Law 112–xxx)

09/21/2012—H.R. 3409, to limit the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to issue regulations before December 31, 2013, under the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977. Passed House, as amended, by vote of 233–175.

12/12/2012—H.R. 6364*, to establish a commission to ensure a suitable observance of the centennial of World War I, to provide for the designation of memorials to the service of members of the United States Armed Forces in World War I, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote. (Public Law 112–xxx)

12/17/2012—H.R. 4606, to authorize the issuance of right-of-way permits for natural gas pipelines in Glacier National Park, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by vote of 286–10. (Public Law 112–xxx)

12/17/2012—S. 3193, a bill to make technical corrections to the legal description of certain land to be held in trust for the Barona Band of Mission Indians, and for other purposes. Passed House by vote of 306–0. (Public Law 112–232)

12/20/2012—S. 925*, a bill to designate Mt. Andrea Lawrence. Passed House by vote of 408–7. (Public Law 112–xxx)

12/28/2012—S. 3687*, a bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize the Lake Pontchartrain Basin Restoration Program, to designate certain Federal buildings, and for other purposes. Passed House by unanimous consent. (Public Law 112–237)

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS WHICH FAILED TO PASS HOUSE (BY DATE)

03/29/2012—H.R. 4239*, to provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund pending enactment of a multiyear law reauthorizing such programs. Failed to pass the House under suspension of the rules by voice vote.

07/23/2012—H.R. 2362, to facilitate economic development by Indian tribes and encourage investment by Turkish enterprises. Failed to pass the House under suspension of the rules as amended, by vote of 222–160.

07/25/2012—H.R. 6168, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to implement the Proposed Final Outer Continental Shelf Oil & Gas Leasing Program (2012–2017) in accordance with the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act and other applicable law. Failed to pass the House under suspension of the rules by vote of 164–261.

09/20/2012—H.R. 5987, to establish the Manhattan Project National Historical Park in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, Los Alamos, New Mexico, and Hanford, Washington, and for other purposes. Failed to pass the House under suspension of the rules as amended, by vote of 237–180.

APPENDIX III

LIST OF PUBLIC LAWS

[Asterisk (*) denotes bills that were not referred to the Committee on Natural Resources but contain provisions under the jurisdiction of the Committee on Natural Resources]

Public Law 112–5: (H.R. 662), To provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund pending enactment of a multiyear law reauthorizing such programs. (Surface Transportation Extension Act of 2011)

Public Law 112–45: (H.R. 489), To clarify the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior with respect to the C.C. Cragin Dam and Reservoir, and for other purposes.

Public Law 112–46: (H.R. 765), To amend the National Forest Ski Area Permit Act of 1986 to clarify the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture regarding additional recreational uses of National Forest System land that is subject to ski area permits, and for other purposes. (Ski Area Recreational Opportunity Enhancement Act of 2011)

Public Law 112–52: (H.R. 818) [S. 808*], To direct the Secretary of the Interior to allow for prepayment of repayment contracts between the United States and the Uintah Water Conservancy District.

Public Law 112–69: (S. 535) [H.R. 2687], To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to lease certain lands within Fort Pulaski National Monument, and for other purposes. (Fort Pulaski National Monument Lease Authorization Act)

Public Law 112–70: (S. 683*) [H.R. 1258], To provide for the conveyance of certain parcels of land to the town of Mantua, Utah. (Box Elder Utah Land Conveyance Act)

Public Law 112–72: (H.R. 470) [S. Con. Res. 32], To further allocate and expand the availability of hydroelectric power generated at Hoover Dam, and for other purposes. (Hoover Power Allocation Act of 2011)

Public Law 112–74: (H.R. 2055*) [H.R. 2687, S. 535], Making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, and for other purposes. (Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2012)

Public Law 112–78: (H.R. 3765), To extend the payroll tax holiday, unemployment compensation, Medicare physician payment, provide for the consideration of the Keystone XL pipeline, and for other purposes. (Temporary Payroll Tax Cut Continuation Act of 2011)

Public Law 112–79: (S. 278*) [H.R. 643], To provide for the exchange of certain land located in the Arapaho-Roosevelt National Forests in the State of Colorado, and for other purposes. (Sugar Loaf Fire Protection District Land Exchange Act of 2011)

Public Law 112–81: (H.R. 1540*) [H.R. 1670], To authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2012 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes. (National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012)

Public Law 112–94: (H.R. 588) [S. 266], To redesignate the Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge as the Sam D. Hamilton Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge.

Public Law 112–96: (H.R. 3630) [H.R. 3548], A bill to extend the payroll tax holiday, unemployment compensation, Medicare physician payment, provide for the consideration of the Keystone XL pipeline, and for other purposes. (Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012)

Public Law 112–97: (H.R. 1162), To provide the Quileute Indian Tribe Tsunami and Flood Protection, and for other purposes.

Public Law 112–100: (S. 1134) [H.R. 850], To authorize the St. Croix River Crossing Project with appropriate mitigation measures to promote river values. (St. Croix River Crossing Project Authorization Act)

Public Law 112–102: (H.R. 4281), To provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund pending enactment of a multiyear law reauthorizing such programs. (Surface Transportation Extension Act of 2012)

Public Law 112–103: (H.R. 473), To provide for the conveyance of approximately 140 acres of land in the Ouachita National Forest in Oklahoma to the Indian Nations Council, Inc., of the Boy Scouts of America, and for other purposes. (Help to Access Land for the Education of Scouts)

Public Law 112–128: (H.R. 4849), To direct the Secretary of the Interior to issue commercial use authorizations to commercial stock operators for operations in designated wilderness within the Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, and for other purposes. (Sequoia and King Canyon National Parks Backcountry Access Act)

Public Law 112–129: (H.R. 2947), To provide for the release of the reversionary interest held by the United States in certain land conveyed by the United States in 1950 for the establishment of an airport in Cook County, Minnesota.

Public Law 112–133: (S. 292) [H.R. 296], To resolve the claims of the Bering Straits Native Corporation and the State of Alaska to land adjacent to Salmon Lake in the State of Alaska and to provide for the conveyance to the Bering Straits Native Corporation of certain other public land in partial satisfaction of the land entitlement of the Corporation under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act. (Salmon Lake Land Selection Resolution Act)

Public Law 112–134: (S. 363), To authorize the Secretary of Commerce to convey property of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to the City of Pascagoula, Mississippi, and for other purposes.

Public Law 112–137: (S. 404) [H.R. 3411], To modify a land grant patent issued by the Secretary of the Interior.

Public Law 112–138: (S. 684), To provide for the conveyance of certain parcels of land to the town of Alta, Utah.

Public Law 112–139: (S. 997), To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to extend a water contract between the United States and the East Bench Irrigation District.

Public Law 112–140: (H.R. 6064), To provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund pending enactment of a multiyear law reauthorizing such programs. (Temporary Surface Transportation Extension Act of 2012)

Public Law 112–141: (H.R. 4348) [H.R. 3096, H.R. 4198], To authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes. (Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act)

Public Law 112–151: (H.R. 205), To amend the Act titled “An Act to authorize the leasing of restricted Indian lands for public, religious, educational, recreational, residential, business, and other purposes requiring the grant of long-term leases”, approved August 9, 1955, to provide for Indian tribes to enter into certain leases without prior express approval from the Secretary of the Interior, and for other purposes. (Helping Expedite and Advance Responsible Tribal Home Ownership Act of 2012)

Public Law 112–157: (H.R. 1560), To amend the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo and Alabama and Coushatta Indian Tribes of Texas Restoration Act to allow the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo Tribe to determine blood quantum requirement for membership in that tribe.

Public Law 112–164: (S. 270), To direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land to Deschutes County, Oregon.

Public Law 112–165: (S. 271), To require the Secretary of Agriculture to enter into a property conveyance with the city of Wallowa, Oregon, and for other purposes.

Public Law 112–179: (H.R. 1272), To provide for the use and distribution of the funds awarded to the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, et al, by the United States Court of Federal Claims in Docket Numbers 19 and 188, and for other purposes. (Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Judgment Fund Distribution Act of 2012)

Public Law 112–182: (H.R. 2240), To authorize the exchange of land or interest in land between Lowell National Historical Park and the city of Lowell in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and for other purposes. (Lowell National Historical Park Land Exchange Act of 2012)

Public Law 112–183: (H.R. 2706), To prohibit the sale of billfish. (Billfish Conservation Act of 2012)

Public Law 112–197: (H.R. 2606), To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to allow the construction and operation of natural gas pipeline facilities in the Gateway National Recreation Area, and for other purposes. (New York City Natural Gas Supply Enhancement Act)

Public Law 112–212: (H.R. 2467), To take certain Federal lands in Mono County, California, into trust for the benefit of the Bridgeport Indian Colony. (Bridgeport Indian Colony Land Trust, Health, and Economic Development Act of 2012)

Public Law 112–213: (H.R. 2838*) [H.R. 1171], To authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal years 2013 through 2014, and for other purposes. (Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2012)

Public Law 112–214: (H.R. 3319), To allow the Pascua Yaqui Tribe to determine the requirements for membership in that tribe.

Public Law 112–232: (S. 3193), To make technical corrections to the legal description of certain land to be held in trust for the Barona Band of Mission Indians, and for other purposes. (Barona Band of Mission Indians Land Transfer Clarification Act of 2012)

Public Law 112–237: (S. 3687) [H.R. 1160, H.R. 6007], To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize the Lake Pontchartrain Basin Restoration Program, to designate certain Federal buildings, and for other purposes.

Public Law 112–xxx*: (H.R. 443), To provide for the conveyance of certain property from the United States to the Maniilaq Association located in Kotzebue, Alaska.

Public Law 112–xxx*: (H.R. 3263), To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to allow the storage and conveyance of nonproject water at the Norman project in Oklahoma, and for other purposes. (Lake Thunderbird Efficient Use Act of 2012)

Public Law 112–xxx*: (H.R. 3641), To establish Pinnacles National Park in the State of California as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes. (Pinnacles National Park Act)

Public Law 112–xxx*: (H.R. 4073), To authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to accept the quitclaim, disclaimer, and relinquishment of a railroad right of way within and adjacent to Pike National Forest in El Paso County, Colorado, originally granted to the Mt. Manitou Park and Incline Railway Company pursuant to the Act of March 3, 1875.

Public Law 112–xxx*: (H.R. 4310) [H. Con. Res. 87, H.R. 200, H.R. 2181], To authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2013 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes. (National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013)

Public Law 112–xxx*: (H.R. 4606), To authorize the issuance of right-of-way permits for natural gas pipelines in Glacier National Park, and for other purposes.

Public Law 112–xxx*: (H.R. 6060), To amend Public Law 106–392 to maintain annual base funding for the Upper Colorado and San Juan fish recovery programs through fiscal year 2019. (Endangered Fish Recovery Programs Extension Act of 2012)

Public Law 112–xxx*: (H.R. 6364) [H.R. 938], To establish a commission to ensure a suitable observance of the centennial of World War I, to provide for the designation of memorials to the service of members of the United States Armed Forces in World War I, and for other purposes. (World War I Centennial Commission Act)

Public Law 112–xxx*: (S. 925) [H.R. 1818], To designate Mt. Andrea Lawrence. (Mt. Andrea Lawrence Designation Act of 2011)

Public Law 112–xxx*: Bills not assigned a public law number prior to filing of report.

APPENDIX IV

COMMITTEE PRINTS

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APPENDIX V

COMMITTEE LEGISLATIVE REPORTS

House Report 112-67, Part 1, (H.R. 1229), to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to facilitate the safe and timely production of American energy resources from the Gulf of Mexico.

House Report 112-68 (H.R. 1230), to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct certain offshore oil and gas lease sales, and for other purposes.

House Report 112-69 (H.R. 1231), to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to require that each 5-year offshore oil and gas leasing program offer leasing in the areas with the most prospective oil and gas resources, to establish a domestic oil and natural gas production goal, and for other purposes.

House Report 112-156 (H.R. 290), to amend title 36, United States Code, to ensure that memorials commemorating the service of the United States Armed Forces may contain religious symbols, and for other purposes.

House Report 112-157 (H.R. 295), to amend the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act of 1998 to authorize funds to acquire hydrographic data and provide hydrographic services specific to the Arctic for safe navigation, delineating the United States extended continental shelf, and the monitoring and description of coastal changes.

House Report 112-158 (H.R. 441), to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to issue permits for a microhydro project in nonwilderness areas within the boundaries of Denali National Park and Preserve, to acquire land for Denali National Park and Preserve from Doyon Tourism, Inc., and for other purposes.

House Report 112-159, Part 1, (H.R. 470), to further allocate and expand the availability of hydroelectric power generated at Hoover Dam, and for other purposes.

House Report 112-160 (H.R. 489), to clarify the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior with respect to the C.C. Cragin Dam and Reservoir, and for other purposes.

House Report 112-161 (H.R. 643), to provide for the exchange of certain land located in the Arapaho-Roosevelt National Forests in the State of Colorado, and for other purposes.

House Report 112-162 (H.R. 670), to convey certain submerged lands to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in order to give that territory the same benefits in its submerged lands as Guam, the Virgin Islands, and American Samoa have in their submerged lands.

House Report 112-163 (H.R. 686), to require the conveyance of certain public land within the boundaries of Camp Williams, Utah, to support the training and readiness of the Utah National Guard.

House Report 112-164, Part 1, (H.R. 765), to amend the National Forest Ski Area Permit Act of 1986 to clarify the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture regarding additional recreational uses of National Forest System land that is subject to ski area permits, and for other purposes.

House Report 112-165 (H.R. 944), to eliminate an unused lighthouse reservation, provide management consistency by incorporating the rocks and small islands along the coast of Orange County, California, into the California Coastal National Monument managed by the Bureau of Land Management, and meet the original Congressional intent of preserving Orange County's rocks and small islands, and for other purposes.

House Report 112-166 (H.R. 1022), to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of alternatives for commemorating and interpreting the role of the Buffalo Soldiers in the early years of the National Parks, and for other purposes.

House Report 112-167 (H.R. 1141), to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating prehistoric, historic, and limestone forest sites on Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, as a unit of the National Park System.

House Report 112-168 (H.R. 1160), to require the Secretary of the Interior to convey the McKinney Lake National Fish Hatchery to the State of North Carolina, and for other purposes.

House Report 112-170 (H.R. 320), to designate a Distinguished Flying Cross National Memorial at the March Field Air Museum in Riverside, California.

House Report 112-171 (S. 266), a bill to redesignate the Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge as the Sam D. Hamilton Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge.

House Report 112-175, Part 1, (H.R. 1670), to amend the Sikes Act to improve the application of that Act to State-owned facilities used for the national defense.

House Report 112-216, (H.R. 241), to authorize the conveyance of certain National Forest System lands in the Los Padres National Forest in California.

House Report 112-217, (H.R. 461), to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal features of the electric distribution system to the South Utah Valley Electric Service District, and for other purposes.

House Report 112-218, (H.R. 473), to provide for the conveyance of approximately 140 acres of land in the Ouachita National Forest in Oklahoma to the Indian Nations Council, Inc., of the Boy Scouts of America, and for other purposes.

House Report 112-219, Part 1, (H.R. 795), to expand small-scale hydropower.

House Report 112-220, (H.R. 1258), to provide for the conveyance of parcels of land to Mantua, Box Elder County, Utah.

House Report 112-221, Part 1, (H.R. 1421), to amend the Water Resources Development Act of 1986 to clarify the role of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma with regard to the maintenance of the W.D. Mayo Lock and Dam in Oklahoma.

House Report 112-222, (H.R. 1560), to amend the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo and Alabama and Coushatta Indian Tribes of Texas Res-

toration Act to allow the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo Tribe to determine blood quantum requirement for membership in that tribe.

House Report 112-245, Part 1, (H.R. 258), to require the Office of Management and Budget to prepare a crosscut budget for restoration activities in the Chesapeake Bay watershed, to require the Environmental Protection Agency to develop and implement an adaptive management plan, and for other purposes.

House Report 112-246 (H.R. 1904), to facilitate the efficient extraction of mineral resources in southeast Arizona by authorizing and directing an exchange of Federal and non-Federal land, and for other purposes.

House Report 112-247 (H.R. 818), to direct the Secretary of the Interior to allow for prepayment of repayment contracts between the United States and the Uintah Water Conservancy District.

House Report 112-248 (H.R. 2011), to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct an assessment of the capability of the Nation to meet our current and future demands for the minerals critical to United States manufacturing competitiveness and economic and national security in a time of expanding resource nationalism, and for other purposes.

House Report 112-249 (H.R. 2150), to amend the Naval Petroleum Reserves Production Act of 1976 to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct an expeditious program of competitive leasing of oil and gas in the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska, including at least one lease sale in the Reserve each year in the period 2011 through 2021, and for other purposes.

House Report 112-250 (H.R. 2170), streamlining Federal review to facilitate renewable energy projects.

House Report 112-251 (H.R. 2171), to promote timely exploration for geothermal resources under existing geothermal leases, and for other purposes.

House Report 112-252 (H.R. 2173), to facilitate the development of offshore wind energy resources.

House Report 112-279 (H.R. 588), to redesignate the Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge as the Sam D. Hamilton Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge.

House Report 112-280 (H.R. 1408), to provide for the settlement of certain claims under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, and for other purposes.

House Report 112-298 (S. 535), a bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to lease certain lands within Fort Pulaski National Monument, and for other purposes.

House Report 112-299 (H.R. 1158), to authorize the conveyance of mineral rights by the Secretary of the Interior in the State of Montana, and for other purposes.

House Report 112-300, Part 1 (H.R. 2172), to facilitate the development of wind energy resources on Federal lands.

House Report 112-301 (H.R. 2842), to authorize all Bureau of Reclamation conduit facilities for hydropower development under Federal Reclamation law, and for other purposes.

House Report 112-302 (H.R. 2803), to direct the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement, to conduct a technological capability assessment, survey, and economic feasibility study regarding recov-

ery of minerals, other than oil and natural gas, from the shallow and deep seabed of the United States.

House Report 112-303 (H.R. 2578), to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act related to a segment of the Lower Merced River in California, and for other purposes.

House Report 112-304 (H.R. 2360), to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to extend the Constitution, laws, and jurisdiction of the United States to installations and devices attached to the seabed of the Outer Continental Shelf for the production and support of production of energy from sources other than oil and gas, and for other purposes.

House Report 112-305 (H.R. 2351), to direct the Secretary of the Interior to continue stocking fish in certain lakes in the North Cascades National Park, Ross Lake National Recreation Area, and Lake Chelan National Recreation Area.

House Report 112-306 (H.R. 1556), to amend the Omnibus Indian Advancement Act to allow certain land to be used to generate income to provide funding for academic programs, and for other purposes.

House Report 112-307 (H.R. 1461), to authorize the Mescalero Apache Tribe to lease adjudicated water rights.

House Report 112-308 (H.R. 991), to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to allow importation of polar bear trophies taken in sport hunts in Canada before the date the polar bear was determined to be a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973.

House Report 112-309 (H.R. 850), to facilitate a proposed project in the Lower St. Croix Wild and Scenic River, and for other purposes.

House Report 112-310 (H.R. 306), to direct the Secretary of the Interior to enter into an agreement to provide for management of the free-roaming wild horses in and around the Currituck National Wildlife Refuge.

House Report 112-318, Part 1 (H.R. 443), to provide for the conveyance of certain property from the United States to the Maniilaq Association located in Kotzebue, Alaska.

House Report 112-319, Part 1 (H.R. 1466), to resolve the status of certain persons legally residing in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands under the immigration laws of the United States.

House Report 112-320 (H.R. 1740), to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of Illabot Creek in Skagit County, Washington, as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

House Report 112-321 (H.R. 2719), to ensure public access to the summit of Rattlesnake Mountain in the Hanford Reach National Monument for educational, recreational, historical, scientific, cultural, and other purposes.

House Report 112-322 (H.R. 3069), to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to reduce predation on endangered Columbia River salmon and other nonlisted species, and for other purposes.

House Report 112-367 (H.R. 200), to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of water resources in the Rialto-Colton Basin in the State of California, and for other purposes.

House Report 112-368 (H.R. 2070), to direct the Secretary of the Interior to install in the area of the World War II Memorial in the District of Columbia a suitable plaque or an inscription with the words that President Franklin D. Roosevelt prayed with the nation on June 6, 1944, the morning of D-Day.

House Report 112-369 (H.R. 2087), to remove restrictions from a parcel of land situated in the Atlantic District, Accomack County, Virginia.

House Report 112-370 (H.R. 2336), to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the York River and associated tributaries for study for potential inclusion in the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

House Report 112-371 (H.R. 2752), to amend the Mineral Leasing Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct on-shore oil and gas lease sales through Internet-based live lease sales, and for other purposes.

House Report 112-372, Part 1 (H.R. 2236), to provide for the issuance of a Wildlife Refuge System Conservation Semipostal Stamp.

House Report 112-373 (H.R. 2606), to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to allow the construction and operation of natural gas pipeline facilities in the Gateway National Recreation Area, and for other purposes.

House Report 112-374 (H.R. 3117), to grant the Secretary of the Interior permanent authority to authorize States to issue electronic duck stamps, and for other purposes.

House Report 112-387 (H.R. 1162), to provide the Quileute Indian Tribe Tsunami and Flood Protection, and for other purposes.

House Report 112-392 (H.R. 3408), to set clear rules for the development of United States oil shale resources, to promote shale technology research and development, and for other purposes.

House Report 112-393 (H.R. 3407), to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish and implement a competitive oil and gas leasing program for the exploration, development, and production of the oil and gas resources of the Coastal Plain of Alaska, to ensure secure energy supplies for the continental Pacific Coast of the United States, lower prices, and reduce imports, and for other purposes.

House Report 112-395 (H.R. 3410), to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct certain offshore oil and gas lease sales, to provide fair and equitable revenue sharing for all coastal States, to formulate future offshore energy development plans in areas with the most potential, to generate revenue for American infrastructure, and for other purposes.

House Report 112-403 (H.R. 1837), to address certain water-related concerns on the San Joaquin River, and for other purposes.

House Report 112-426, Part 1, (H.R. 4089), to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing and shooting.

House Report 112-427 (H.R. 205), to amend the Act titled "An Act to authorize the leasing of restricted Indian lands for public, religious, educational, recreational, residential, business, and other

purposes requiring the grant of long-term leases”, approved August 9, 1955, to provide for Indian tribes to enter into certain leases without prior express approval from the Secretary of the Interior.

House Report 112-428 (S. 292), a bill to resolve the claims of the Bering Straits Native Corporation and the State of Alaska to land adjacent to Salmon Lake in the State of Alaska and to provide for the conveyance to the Bering Straits Native Corporation of certain other public land in partial satisfaction of the land entitlement of the Corporation under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act.

House Report 112-429 (S. 897), a bill to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to clarify that uncertified States and Indian tribes have the authority to use certain payments for certain noncoal reclamation projects and acid mine remediation programs.

House Report 112-430 (H.R. 1545), to establish the Waco Mammoth National Monument in the State of Texas, and for other purposes.

House Report 112-431 (H.R. 2915), to repeal the Western Area Power Administration borrowing authority, and for other purposes.

House Report 112-432 (S. 271), a bill to require the Secretary of Agriculture to enter into a property conveyance with the city of Wallowa, Oregon, and for other purposes.

House Report 112-433 (S. 404), a bill to modify a land grant patent issued by the Secretary of the Interior.

House Report 112-434 (S. 684), a bill to provide for the conveyance of certain parcels of land to the town of Alta, Utah.

House Report 112-435 (H.R. 491), to modify the boundaries of Cibola National Forest in the State of New Mexico, to transfer certain Bureau of Land Management land for inclusion in the national forest, and for other purposes.

House Report 112-436 (H.R. 1038), to authorize the conveyance of two small parcels of land within the boundaries of the Coconino National Forest containing private improvements that were developed based upon the reliance of the landowners in an erroneous survey conducted in May 1960.

House Report 112-437 (H.R. 2050), to authorize the continued use of certain water diversions located on National Forest System land in the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness and the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness in the State of Idaho, and for other purposes.

House Report 112-438 (H.R. 2060), to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to adjust the Crooked River boundary, to provide water certainty for the City of Prineville, Oregon, and for other purposes.

House Report 112-439 (H.R. 2157), to facilitate a land exchange involving certain National Forest System lands in the Inyo National Forest, and for other purposes.

House Report 112-440 (H.R. 2938), to prohibit certain gaming activities on certain Indian lands in Arizona.

House Report 112-441 (H.R. 2947), to provide for the release of the reversionary interest held by the United States in certain land conveyed by the United States in 1950 for the establishment of an airport in Cook County, Minnesota.

House Report 112-442 (H.R. 3263), to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to allow the storage and conveyance of nonproject water at the Norman project in Oklahoma, and for other purposes.

House Report 112-448, Part 1, (H.R. 1505), to prohibit the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture from taking action on public lands which impede border security on such lands, and for other purposes.

House Report 112-449 (H.R. 1335), to revise the boundaries of the Gettysburg National Military Park to include the Gettysburg Train Station, and for other purposes.

House Report 112-450 (H.R. 2240), to authorize the exchange of land or interest in land between Lowell National Historical Park and the city of Lowell in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and for other purposes.

House Report 112-451 (H.R. 2362), to facilitate economic development by Indian tribes and encourage investment by Turkish enterprises.

House Report 112-452 (H.R. 3452), to provide for the sale of approximately 30 acres of Federal land in Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest in Salt Lake County, Utah, to permit the establishment of a minimally invasive transportation alternative for skiers, called "SkiLink", to connect two ski resorts in the Wasatch Mountains, and for other purposes.

House Report 112-473 (H.R. 2621), to establish the Chimney Rock National Monument in the State of Colorado, and for other purposes.

House Report 112-474 (H.R. 2745), to amend the Mesquite Lands Act of 1986 to facilitate implementation of a multispecies habitat conservation plan for the Virgin River in Clark County, Nevada.

House Report 112-475 (H.R. 3874), to provide for the conveyance of eight cemeteries that are located on National Forest System land in Black Hills National Forest, South Dakota.

House Report 112-500 (H.R. 1237), to provide for a land exchange with the Trinity Public Utilities District of Trinity County, California, involving the transfer of land to the Bureau of Land Management and the Six Rivers National Forest in exchange for National Forest System land in the Shasta-Trinity National Forest, and for other purposes.

House Report 112-501 (H.R. 1272), to provide for the use and distribution of the funds awarded to the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, et al, by the United States Court of Federal Claims in Docket Numbers 19 and 188, and for other purposes.

House Report 112-502 (S. 363), a bill to authorize the Secretary of Commerce to convey property of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to the City of Pascagoula, Mississippi, and for other purposes.

House Report 112-503, Part 1, (H.R. 460), to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to facilitate the development of hydroelectric power on the Diamond Fork System of the Central Utah Project.

House Report 112-505 (H.R. 1818), to designate Mt. Andrea Lawrence, and for other purposes.

House Report 112-506 (S. 925), a bill to designate Mt. Andrea Lawrence.

House Report 112-509 (H.R. 4027), to clarify authority granted under the Act on “An Act to define the exterior boundary of the Uintah and Ouray Indian Reservation in the State of Utah, and for other purposes”.

House Report 112-510 (H.R. 4222), to provide for the conveyance of certain land inholdings owned by the United States to the Tucson Unified School District and to the Pascua Yaqui Tribe of Arizona, and for other purposes.

House Report 112-512 (H.R. 2512), to provide for the conveyance of certain Federal land in Clark County, Nevada, for the environmental remediation and reclamation of the Three Kids Mine Project Site, and for other purposes.

House Report 112-524, Part 1, (H.R. 3685), to amend the Herger-Feinstein Quincy Library Group Forest Recovery Act to extend and expand the scope of the pilot forest management project required by that Act.

House Report 112-525 (H.R. 4039), to convey certain Federal land to the city of Yerington, Nevada.

House Report 112-526, Part 1, (H.R. 4094), to authorize pedestrian and motorized vehicular access in Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area, and for other purposes.

House Report 112-527 (S. 997), a bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to extend a water contract between the United States and the East Bench Irrigation District.

House Report 112-528, Part 1, (H.R. 4383), to streamline the application for permits to drill process and increase funds for energy project permit processing, and for other purposes.

House Report 112-529, Part 1, (H.R. 3065), to amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act to facilitate the establishment of additional or expanded public target ranges in certain States.

House Report 112-530 (H.R. 4381), to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish goals for an all-of-the-above energy production plan strategy on a 4-year basis on all onshore Federal lands managed by the Department of the Interior and the Forest Service.

House Report 112-531 (H.R. 4382), to ensure Federal oil and natural gas lease sales occur, eliminate redundant leasing bureaucracy, and provide leasing certainty.

House Report 112-532 (H.R. 2352), to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to adjust the boundary of the Stephen Mather Wilderness and the North Cascades National Park in order to allow the rebuilding of a road outside of the floodplain while ensuring that there is no net loss of acreage to the Park or the Wilderness, and for other purposes.

House Report 112-533, Part 1, (H.R. 4234), to amend the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 to improve the management of grazing leases and permits, and for other purposes.

House Report 112-538 (H.R. 3100), to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to expand the boundary of the San Antonio Missions National Historical Park, to conduct a study of potential land acquisitions, and for other purposes.

House Report 112-578 (H.R. 1192), to extend the current royalty rate for soda ash.

House Report 112-579 (H.R. 2027), to revise the boundaries of John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System Sachuest Point Unit RI-04P, Easton Beach Unit RI-05P, Almy Pond Unit RI-06, and Hazards Beach Unit RI-07 in Rhode Island.

House Report 112-580 (H.R. 2154), to correct the boundaries of the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System Gasparilla Island Unit FL-70P.

House Report 112-581 (S. 270), a bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land to Deschutes County, Oregon.

House Report 112-583, Part 1, (H.R. 4402), to require the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to more efficiently develop domestic sources of the minerals and mineral materials of strategic and critical importance to United States economic and national security and manufacturing competitiveness.

House Report 112-584, Part 1, (H.R. 1171), to reauthorize and amend the Marine Debris Research, Prevention, and Reduction Act.

House Report 112-597 (H.R. 1103), to direct the Secretary of the Interior to develop, maintain, and administer an annex in Tinian, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, as an extension of the American Memorial Park located in Saipan, and for other purposes.

House Report 112-598 (H.R. 4400), to designate the Salt Pond Visitor Center at Cape Cod National Seashore as the "Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr. Salt Pond Visitor Center", and for other purposes.

House Report 112-599 (H.R. 4073), to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to accept the quitclaim, disclaimer, and relinquishment of a railroad right of way within and adjacent to Pike National Forest in El Paso County, Colorado, originally granted to the Mt. Manitou Park and Incline Railway Company pursuant to the Act of March 3, 1875.

House Report 112-600 (H.R. 3706), to create the Office of Chief Financial Officer of the Government of the Virgin Islands, and for other purposes.

House Report 112-601 (H.R. 3404), to establish in the Department of the Interior an Under Secretary for Energy, Lands, and Minerals and a Bureau of Ocean Energy, an Ocean Energy Safety Service, and an Office of Natural Resources Revenue, and for other purposes.

House Report 112-602 (H.R. 3397), to modify the Forest Service Recreation Residence Program by implementing a simple, equitable, and predictable procedure for determining cabin user fees, and for other purposes.

House Report 112-603 (H.R. 3388), to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of the Beaver, Chipuxet, Queen, Wood, and Pawcatuck Rivers in the States of Connecticut and Rhode Island for study for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes.

House Report 112-604 (H.R. 3210), to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to limit the application of that Act with respect to plants and plant products that were imported before the effective date of amendments to that Act enacted in 2008, and for other purposes.

House Report 112-605 (H.R. 2489), to authorize the acquisition and protection of nationally significant battlefields and associated sites of the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812 under the American Battlefield Protection Program.

House Report 112-606, Part 1, (H.R. 4043), to amend title 10, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Defense to establish Southern Sea Otter Military Readiness Areas for national defense purposes, and for other purposes.

House Report 112-608 (H.R. 5958), to name the Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge Visitor Contact Station of the Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge unit of Gateway National Recreation Area in honor of James L. Buckley.

House Report 112-609, Part 1, (H.R. 2834), to recognize the heritage of recreational fishing, hunting, and shooting on Federal public lands and ensure continued opportunities for these activities.

House Report 112-611 (H.R. 2467), to take certain Federal lands in Mono County, California, into trust for the benefit of the Bridgeport Indian Colony.

House Report 112-612 (H.R. 4484), to provide for the conveyance of a small parcel of National Forest System land in the Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest in Utah to Brigham Young University, and for other purposes.

House Report 112-615 (H.R. 6082), to officially replace, within the 60-day Congressional review period under the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act, President Obama's Proposed Final Outer Continental Shelf Oil & Gas Leasing Program (2012-2017) with a congressional plan that will conduct additional oil and natural gas lease sales to promote offshore energy development, job creation, and increased domestic energy production to ensure a more secure energy future in the United States, and for other purposes.

House Report 112-626 (H.R. 3641), to establish Pinnacles National Park in the State of California as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes.

House Report 112-627 (H.R. 4606), to authorize the issuance of right-of-way permits for natural gas pipelines in Glacier National Park, and for other purposes.

House Report 112-655 (H.R. 5544), to authorize and expedite a land exchange involving National Forest System land in the Laurentian District of the Superior National Forest and certain other National Forest System land in the State of Minnesota that has limited recreational and conservation resources and lands owned by the State of Minnesota in trust for the public school system that are largely scattered in checkerboard fashion within the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness and have important recreational, scenic, and conservation resources, and for other purposes.

House Report 112-656 (H.R. 2706), to prohibit the sale of billfish.

House Report 112-657 (H.R. 6007), to exempt from the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 certain water transfers by the North Texas Municipal Water District and the Greater Texoma Utility Authority.

House Report 112-658 (H.R. 5319), to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the mainstem of the Nashua River and its tributaries in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

for study for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes.

House Report 112-670 (H.R. 3409), to limit the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to issue regulations before December 31, 2013, under the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977.

House Report 112-672 (H.R. 6060), to amend Public Law 106-392 to maintain annual base funding for the Upper Colorado and San Juan fish recovery programs through fiscal year 2019.

House Report 112-675 (H.R. 3319), to allow the Pascua Yaqui Tribe to determine the requirements for membership in that tribe.

House Report 112-676 (H.R. 5987), to establish the Manhattan Project National Historical Park in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, Los Alamos, New Mexico, and Hanford, Washington, and for other purposes.

House Report 112-692 (H.R. 3973), to facilitate the development of energy on Indian lands by reducing Federal regulations that impede tribal development of Indian lands, and for other purposes.

House Report 112-701, Part 1, (H.R. 6364), to establish a commission to ensure a suitable observance of the centennial of World War I, to provide for the designation of memorials to the service of members of the United States Armed Forces in World War I, and for other purposes.

House Report 112-702 (S. 3193), a bill to make technical corrections to the legal description of certain land to be held in trust for the Barona Band of Mission Indians, and for other purposes.

House Report 112-735 (H.R. 752), to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the Molalla River in the State of Oregon, as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes.

House Report 112-736 (H.R. 4194), to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to provide that Alexander Creek, Alaska, is and shall be recognized as an eligible Native village under that Act, and for other purposes.

House Report 112-737, Part 1, (H.R. 4019), to increase employment and educational opportunities in, and improve the economic stability of, counties containing Federal forest land, while also reducing the cost of managing such land, by providing such counties a dependable source of revenue from such land, and for other purposes.

APPENDIX VI

DISSENTING VIEWS

This final Report, chronicling the legislative activities of the House Natural Resources Committee for 2011 and 2012, is a record of failure. The Republican Committee Majority recoiled from the compromise or consensus-building needed to successfully craft legislation. As a result, the Committee has failed, for two full years, to respond to the natural resource challenges threatening the quality of life for millions of Americans.

The Republican energy schemes which moved through the Committee during the 112th Congress were based on wild anecdotes about the alleged evils of environmental planning, unsubstantiated attacks on the President and his policies, and simplistic economic theories, disproved by the energy markets themselves. The Majority's cheerleading for unlimited, unsafe drilling on our public lands and off our beaches has been relentless and, thankfully, unproductive.

During this Congress, the Natural Resources Committee held 17 full committee markups, ordering more than 140 measures reported. Of those, 34 were controversial, anti-environmental bills forced through the House pursuant to a rule. Almost half of these controversial measures sought to expand drilling and mining or weaken environmental protections relating to those activities, while the remainder sought to weaken protections for our public lands or simply give them away.

For example, on the few occasions when Big Oil boosterism did not top the Republican to-do list, the Majority sought to expand uranium mining near the Grand Canyon, allow a foreign company to mine billions in copper from a Native American sacred site, and waive all environmental protections within 100 miles of the U.S. border.

This entire agenda was pursued for political purposes, without regard to bipartisan or bicameral cooperation or even communication. Fortunately, not a single one of these measures became law.

The opportunity costs of this failed, extreme agenda are significant. Congress has not enacted a single statutory safeguard in response to the BP Deepwater Horizon disaster. More than a century of subsidizing fossil energy has continued, placing the U.S. further behind other nations in development of clean, alternative energy sources. The Majority has failed to address the prolonged drought and devastating wildfires which have ravaged the West and ignored even the most common-sense proposals to begin planning for a more balanced use of our ocean resources. Finally, thanks to the Majority's consistently misplaced priorities, we have experienced

two more years of the impacts of climate change, without a legislative response from Congress.

Likewise, the refusal to proceed with an eye toward bicameral, bipartisan cooperation has costs as well. While the House approved more than 70 non-controversial measures reported from this Committee, Senate input regarding those measures was not solicited and Senate priorities were not accommodated. Not surprisingly, this lack of basic legislative strategy has resulted in only 29 of these non-controversial, House-passed measures actually becoming law, at the time of this writing.

Republican devotion to fossil fuels has dominated the Committee's oversight agenda as well. The Majority has pursued two partisan investigations of the Obama Administration; one fixating on minor edits to a two-year-old report regarding the BP spill and another seeking to derail efforts to craft a new rule protecting local communities from the impacts of mountain-top removal mining. The more dubious these investigations have become, the more zealously the Majority has pursued them.

We concluded our Dissenting Views on the Activities Report filed in June by writing that, "The final activities report to be filed in December will be the last opportunity for the Committee to demonstrate real accomplishment this Congress; we are hopeful that document will not require yet another round of Dissenting Views." Our optimism was not rewarded. Hopefully, the failures of this Congress will inspire improved cooperation and consensus next Congress, as the natural resource challenges we face are only intensifying.

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